

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

There is a verb in the English language that we have all heard, but only few ever give thought to. The verb is inoculate, and it means to introduce a mild virus of a disease into a person or animal to immunize (to building up a resistance to a specific disease).

For years people have inoculated themselves against the truth of who Jesus is, they celebrate Christmas with lip service while ignoring the point of Christmas altogether.

People are happy to let Jesus Christ be a baby in a manger, but speak of Him being the sovereign King and Lord of the universe; they are not willing to accept that. Yet, that is the central truth of Christmas, the baby that was laid in a manger is God.

There has never been a person like Jesus Christ. When Paul wrote to the Christians at Colossae, the city was under the influence of a false teaching called Gnosticism. History tells us that this false teaching was a product of “an elitist, heavily intellectual cult who fancied themselves the only ones who had access to the truth”. They believed that the truth was so complex that common people couldn’t know it.

They taught the philosophy of dualism. Which states that matter is evil and spirit is good. They believed that God is spirit; and being spirit, He is good, but He could never become man, because man is made up of matter and matter is evil.

They believed that Jesus was a good angel and His body only an illusion. But Paul refuted this position and affirmed that Jesus is God in the flesh. The baby that was born in Bethlehem of Judea was the sovereign God of this universe.

SCRIPTURE KING JAMES VERSION Colossians 1:1-22

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