

A World Without Jesus

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- “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, Abba, Father! 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

Christ's Impact On The Value Of Life

- Children - Opposes infanticide and sacrifice, motivated child labor laws and child abuse legislation, generated orphan care and adoptions
 - Luke 17:1-2 - “Then He said to the disciples, It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.”

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- Children

- Matt. 19:13-15 - “Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. 15 And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.”

Christ's Impact On The Value Of Life

- Women - Treasures them equally with men
 - Gal. 3:28 - “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Christ's Impact On The Value Of Life

- The Elderly - Opposes euthanasia; provides for them in their advanced years
 - 1Tim. 5:1-4, 8, 16 - “Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger as sisters, with all purity. 3 Honor widows who are really widows. 4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God... 8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever... 16 If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.”

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- The Elderly

- Eph. 6:2 - “Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise”
- Matt. 15:3-6 - “He answered and said to them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God -- 6 'then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.”

Christ's Impact On The Value Of Life

- Slaves - Elimination of unfairness and advantage
 - Eph. 6:8-9 - “Knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. 9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.”

Christ's Impact On The Value Of Life

- Slaves
 - Col. 3:25 - 4:1 - “But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality. 4:1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.”

Christ's Impact On The Value Of Life

- Slaves

- Philemon 12-16 - “I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, 13 whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. 14 But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary. 15 For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.”

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- Slaves

- Lev. 25:39-43 - “And if one of your brethren who dwells by you becomes poor, and sells himself to you, you shall not compel him to serve as a slave. 40 'As a hired servant and a sojourner he shall be with you, and shall serve you until the Year of Jubilee. 41 'And then he shall depart from you-he and his children with him-and shall return to his own family. He shall return to the possession of his fathers. 42 'For they are My servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves. 43 'You shall not rule over him with rigor, but you shall fear your God.”

Christ's Impact On Civilization

- Medicine - Did what He could for those who sought Him
 - Matt. 12:15 - “...great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.”
- Benevolence - Opportunity becomes the standard of judgment
 - Gal. 6:10 - “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Christ's Impact On Civilization

- The origin of the United States of America
 - Prov. 14:34 - “Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.”
- Civil liberties - Freedom from sin creates within humankind the desire for other liberties that confer blessedness to life under the sun
 - 2Cor. 3:17 - “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

Christ's Impact On Civilization

- Morality - Moral Vs. immoral neighbors
 - Phil. 1:27 - “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ...”
 - 1Peter 2:15 - “For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men”

Christ's Impact On Civilization

- Education - A hunger to learn more defines us
 - Deut. 6:6-7 - “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”
 - Prov. 9:9 - “Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.”

Christ's Impact On Civilization

- Transformed lives - There is no power on earth as strong and effective as a transformed life
 - 2Cor. 5:17 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”
 - Rom. 12:2 - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Christ's Impact On Souls

- Jesus was born into this world nearly 2000 years ago so we could have an abundant life
 - John 10:10 - “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”
- This world would be unrecognizable to us had Jesus never been born.
- But the purpose of Jesus' advent was not to enrich life in this world

Christ's Impact On Souls

- There would be no fellowship with God and one another
 - 1John 1:7 - “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
 - Eph. 2:19 - “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”

Christ's Impact On Souls

- There would be no church
 - 1Cor. 12:13 - “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”
- There would be no revelation of the will of God for us Gentiles
 - Eph. 2:12 - “That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”

Christ's Impact On Souls

- There would be no comfort of forgiveness of our sins
 - Eph. 2:4-5 - “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved”

Christ's Impact On Souls

- There would be no resurrection
 - 1Cor. 15:20-23 - “But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.”

Christ's Impact On Souls

- There would be no eternity in the presence of God in heaven
 - Rev. 22:16-17 - “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”