

A World Without Jesus

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Introduction:

- A. What if Jesus had never been born into this world? - Gal. 4:4-7
- B. The 1946 Frank Capra film classic, "It's A Wonderful Life," with Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed
 - 1. Most people who enjoy it, imagine what the world would be like if they had never been born.
 - 2. Have you ever wondered what the world would be like if Jesus had never been born?
 - 3. Friedrich Nietzsche, the 19th century unbelieving German philosopher, considered this question and has declared the world would be a much better place had Jesus never been born.
 - a. His ilk are quick to point out the excesses of some professed believers (crusades, inquisition, witch burnings, bigotry, etc.) and claim that more people have been killed in the name of Christ than in any other name.
 - b. His claims are untrue and distorted by his own bigotry.
 - 4. What the world would be like if Jesus had never been born.

I. CHRIST'S IMPACT ON THE VALUE OF LIFE

- A. Children - Opposes infanticide and sacrifice, motivated child labor laws and child abuse legislation, generated orphanages and adoptions.
 - 1. Luke 17:1-2; Matt. 19:13-15
- B. Women - Treasures them equally with men - Gal. 3:28
- C. The Elderly - Opposes euthanasia; provide for them in their advanced years.
 - 1. 1Tim. 5:1-4, 8, 16; Eph. 6:2; Matt. 15:3-6
- D. Slaves - Elimination of unfairness and advantage.
 - 1. Eph. 6:8-9; Col. 3:25, 4:1; Philemon 12-16; Lev. 25:39-43

II. CHRIST'S IMPACT ON CIVILIZATION

- A. Medicine - Matt. 12:15 - Did what He could for those who sought Him.
- B. Benevolence - Gal. 6:10 - Opportunity becomes the standard of judgment.
- C. The origin of the United States of America - Prov. 14:34
- D. Civil liberties - 2Cor. 3:17 - Freedom from sin creates within humankind the desire for other liberties that confer blessedness to life under the sun.
- E. Morality - Phil. 1:27; 1Peter 2:15 - Moral Vs. immoral neighbors.
- F. Education - Deut. 6:6-7; Prov. 9:9 - A hunger to learn more defines us.
- G. Transformed lives - 2Cor. 5:17; Rom. 12:2 - There is no power on earth as strong and effective as a transformed life.

III. CHRIST'S IMPACT ON SOULS

- A. Jesus was born into this world nearly 2000 years ago so that we could have an abundant life - John 10:10
 - 1. This world would be unrecognizable to us had Jesus never been born.

2. But the purpose of Jesus' advent was not to enrich life in this world.
- B. There would be no fellowship with God and one another - 1John 1:7; Eph 2:19
 - C. There would be no church - 1Cor. 12:13
 - D. There would be no revelation of the will of God for us Gentiles - Eph. 2:12
 - E. There would be no comfort of forgiveness of our sins - Eph. 2:4-5
 - F. There would be no resurrection - 1Cor. 15:20-23
 - G. There would be no eternity in the presence of God in heaven - Rev. 22:16-17

Conclusion:

- A. 1Cor. 15:14, 19, 57