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It is a group of Christians within walking distance for most of you. It is a group of Christians who are determined to be pleasing to God. How do they do this? They do all in their power to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ with no changes, additions, subtractions or alterations.

It is a group of Christians that claim no human denominational affiliation — just Christians working and worshipping together at the Lord’s word teaches.

If you need Christ as your Lord and Savior, we believe you will find him among the Christians at Valley Station.

Come and see.

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“Why Do You Keep Sending This to Me?”

We send out “Valley Tidings” to you as a means of trying to reach you and your family. We want to reach you because Valley Station’s meeting house is right here in your neighborhood. It is a good place to go to church. Because we are your neighbors we want to do as much good for you and your family as we possibly can.



Let me explain how we can do that. The Good Book says, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning” (James 1:17). Now we don’t give out money, hams, toys and the like to get folks to come visit us. Like Peter told the lame man, “Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee” (Acts 3:6). What could be more valuable to you, that we have to give, than gold or silver? It is the precious word of the Living God clearly and faithfully taught in both the pulpit and classes at Valley Station. “The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver” (Psalm 119:72).

I know you probably didn’t subscribe to this monthly bulletin. But we send it out each month with a prayer and a hope that you’ll like it, read it, and above all let us do good for you and yours. Come Sunday and you’ll see what I mean.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 in the morning. At 10:30 we assemble to sing praises to the Lord, pray together, study his word, give of our means and celebrate the death of Jesus in the Lord’s Supper. Sunday night come at 6.

This might spark a little interest in you and if so, we could not be happier. See you this Sunday?

Truly Honoring the Birth of Jesus

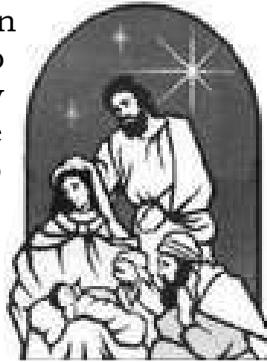
It would be an interesting survey to learn how many times songs of the birth of Jesus are played on radio and television. “Oh, Holy Night,” “Silent Night, Holy Night,” “Away in a Manger,” and more are but a few of the Carols that focus attention on the birth of the savior of the world, Jesus Christ. This particular time of the year has been set aside as a time when most people propose to honor his birth. Giving it no significance above any other national holiday, it may be good for us to take advantage of the emphasis being put on his birth to study just **why** he was born.

The Bible is the single greatest witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. He said, “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of me” (John 5:39). He spoke of his deity as being witnessed by the Scriptures. “Then he said to them, These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning me” (Luke 24:44). His deity and the Scriptures are inseparably connected.

The New Testament teaches that the coming of Christ into the world is the entrance of God’s great grace. John 1:17 reads, “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” The Law of Mosaic came into force at the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19,20). When Jesus died, the law had been completely fulfilled. His death abrogated the law (Col. 2:14,15).

That little baby in the manger was God incarnate, or God in the flesh. He assumed a humanity to the fullest. John wrote, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1) and then added, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (verse 14). At his birth angels announced to shepherds, “there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). Notice the present tense, who “is the Christ, the Lord.”

Jesus came into the world to bring salvation. In the later life of the



beloved apostle John, this great apostle wrote, “This is he who came by water and blood; Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth” (1 John 5:6). The link between water and blood is obviously based on his death for the sins of mankind. While on the cross a Roman soldier pierced his side with a sword and blood and water came out (John 19:34).

It is faith in Jesus that saves. Faith in him means faith in everything he is, everything he did and everything he teaches. It is a faith that looks at his every word as life giving nourishment (Matt. 4:4). It is faith that obeys him unquestioningly. The blood of Christ is reached only through such a faith. His very words are, “he that believes and is baptized (in water) shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Here is the water and blood again.

There is one more thing Jesus said of his coming into the world. “And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind” (John 9:39). He can be our Savior if we make the right choice -- but our choice has nothing to do with whether or not he will be our judge. His pronouncement is very clear. “He who rejects me, and does not receive my words, has that which judges him; the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).

Whether we meet with his approval or not depends on our serious acceptance of Jesus Christ as God’s only begotten Son. So, during this season of the year, show your faith in Christ, not by empty and meaningless Christmas Carols about his birthday, but honor him in genuine faith. Become his faithful follower, and honor him all the tomorrows of your life. Honor him now and spend an endless eternity in complete happiness and bliss in the eternal home of the soul.

There won’t be special Christmas services at Valley Station this Christmas, or any day. We will continue our weekly practice of honoring Jesus, the Son of God, through worship done in spirit and truth. If you think that sounds like the right thing to do, we warmly welcome you into our midst.—DRS

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