

“Christmas Faces Of Faith: YOU!”

Galatians 4:4-5

INTRO: I heard of a lady attending a church who said that suddenly she had a warm feeling pass over her and she knew that she had been saved. Really?! No Gospel preached, no repentance, no faith exercised and Jesus received as Savior and Lord? Is that biblical salvation? I fear she might not be saved at all. Our feelings are the cause of our faith but the result of it. Our faith is based on the clear truths presented in the Bible. Taking God at His Word is the making of faith.

I. THE BASIS FOR A FACE OF FAITH

1. Fulfilled Timing - *“when the fullness of the time was come”*

1a. Fulfilled Religiously

1b For The Jew

1c. Ezra had gathered all the scrolls ∴ entire OT available - soon in Greek=LXX

2c. Diaspora sent Jews everywhere 10 men= synagogue (morality & knowledge base)

3c. Remnant Of Messianic expectant Da.9:24-27

2b. For The Gentile - Greek philosophy & Pagan mythology & immoral worship =bankrupt folks

2a. Fulfilled Politically - Augustus Caesar (Octavian) ruled

1b. Pax Romana - law (insure rights)

Soldiers (insure safety) -seas cleared of pirates

2b. Iter - safe, efficient road system - missionary travel

3b. 80 Million governed with religious freedom

4b. Need for money for his army & building projects would trigger census

3a. Fulfilled Culturally

1b. Greek culture (from the 4th cent. B.C.) permeated kingdom - universal precise language

2b. Cosmopolitan Cities welcomed new ideas =fertile ground for missions

2, Fulfilled Truth

1a. Coming together a son of Adam, of Abraham, of David, of God, Ge. 3:15; Ge. 22:18; Ps. 89:34; Is. 9:6; Lk. 1:35 (Mary & Joseph)

2a. 333 Prophecies - All fulfilled in one man

II. THE BELIEFS FOR A FACE OF FAITH

1. Who He Is:

1a. God - *ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ*

2a. Man - *γενόμενον ἐκ γυναικός*

3a. Jewish - *γενόμενον ὑπὸ νόμον*

2. What He Is

1a. Redeemer - *ἵνα τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράσῃ* A.S.A.3s
- payment made to buy out slaves

2a. Restorer - *ἵνα τὴν υἰοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν* A.S.A.1p
- WE=Jew/Gentile - change families

CONCL: The facts are clear and compelling. We only reject the Lord Jesus Christ at our peril. He is the God-man Who came to earth to pay for our sins and offer us the free gift of salvation. The facts demand it. Will you receive it so that you might then become a Christmas Face of Faith?!