

THE SAVING LIFE OF CHRIST
What If There Was No Christmas
Luke 2:10b-11

There would be...

**No Christmas...no Savior...no Lord...no Messiah...
no birth of Jesus the Christ...Luke 2:11**

*“For today in the city of David there has been born
for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”*

No New Testament...II Timothy 3:16

**No omnipresence of the Holy Spirit...John 14:16-18,
26; Acts 1:8, 2:1-4**

*“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another
Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the
Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it does not see Him or know Him, but you
know Him because He abides with you and will be in
you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to
you...But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the
Father will send in My name, He will teach you all
things, and bring to your remembrance all that I
said to you.”*

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both
in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and
even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all
together in one place. And suddenly there came from*

*heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it
filled the whole house where they were sitting. And
there appeared to them tongues as of fire
distributing themselves, and they rested on each one
of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit
was giving them utterance.”*

No hope

- **Hope of righteousness...Galatians 5:5**
- **Hope of His calling...Ephesians 1:18**
- **Hope of the gospel...Colossians 1:23**
- **Hope of glory...Colossians 1:27**
- **Hope of salvation...I Thessalonians 5:8**
- **Hope of eternal life...Titus 3:7**
- **A living hope...I Peter 1:3**
- **Hope that is in you...I Peter 3:15**

No Easter...I Corinthians 1:23-24

*“We preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling
block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who
are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the
power of God and the wisdom of God.”*

No cross...I Corinthians 1:18

*“For the word of the cross is foolishness to those
who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it
is the power of God.”*

No resurrection...I Corinthians 15:12-20

“Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.”

No victory over death...Hebrews 2:14b;
I Corinthians 15:54b-57

“...Through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.”

“...Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

No assurance after death...I John 5:13

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

No eternal life...I John 5:9-12; John 3:14-16

“If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

No new birth...John 3:3, 7; I John 4:7

“Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’...Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again’.”

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

No new covenant...Luke 22:20; I Corinthians 11:25; Hebrews 9:15

“And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”

“In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me’.”

“For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”

No redemption...Romans 3:24; I Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:11-12

“By His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”

“But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.”

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.”

“In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

No sanctification...Hebrews 10:10; Hebrews 2:11; I Corinthians 1:30

“By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

“For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”

“But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.”

No reconciliation...II Corinthians 5:17-21

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ

and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

No ultimate and final payment for our sin...

Hebrews 10:4

“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

No Gospel...I Corinthians 15:3-4

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

No priesthood of the believer...I Peter 2:5, 9;

Revelation 1:6

“You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own

possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of”

“He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

We would not have a priest...Hebrews 9:11-12

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

No mediator...I Timothy 2:5

“For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

No anticipation of a Second Coming...Revelation 19

No peace...John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

No purpose in life...

Incarnation...The incarnation of the Son of God is necessary because the life we have through the new birth is life in union with the incarnate Christ.

The *new birth* and all of its effects, including *faith* and *justification* and *purification* and *final conformity* to Christ in heaven, would be impossible without the *incarnation* and *life* and *death* of Jesus... without **Christmas**.