CHRISTmas ... The Reason To Celebrate The Season!

Have you ever had a coworker or someone ask, “Do you celebrate Christmas?” I have. It happened a number of years ago on a diversion into Islamabad, Pakistan. As the captain on our Boeing 777, I was taken away from my crew and interrogated for an hour and a half in a small room with five men staring at me, one holding an AK-47. In this “nice, relaxed, friendly” atmosphere, a high ranking airport official pointed at my chest and asked me many questions. The one question I will never forget was, “Do you celebrate Christmas?” Well Hallelujah, I raised both hands up to God, looked at the official straight in his eyes, and replied, “Yes absolutely, that’s what we do in America, we celebrate the birth of Christ.” Needless to say he turned a few shades of red and was very upset, looking like he was ready to slice and dice.

Praise the Lord, Immanuel, the name given to Christ as our Deliverer as prophesied by Isaiah 7:14. I am still here to testify of a great and mighty God who is always with us. This is the perfect season to remind others that God became like us so we could become like Him. God had a wonderful plan thousands of years ago that He knew would work perfectly, to send His only Son Jesus to be our Messiah, the Savior of the world. By accepting Him into our heart and life, He gives us hope and sets us free.

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IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis: The Messiah would be born of a women and would be a King in the line of Judah.
Exodus: The Passover Lamb
Leviticus: Our High Priest
Numbers: Our Water in the Desert
Deuteronomy: Messiah will be a Prophet and worshiped by angels
Joshua: The Captain of our Salvation
Judges: The Judge and Lawgiver
Ruth: Messiah would be a descendant of Boaz and our Kinsman Redeemer.
1 Samuel: All in one... He is the Prophet, Priest, and King.
2 Samuel: King of Grace and Love
1 Kings: A Ruler Greater than Solomon
2 Kings: The Reigning King and a Powerful Prophet
1 Chronicles: Messiah would be from the tribe of Judah, the Son of David that is coming to rule.
2 Chronicles: The King Who Reigns Eternally
Ezra: Priest Proclaiming Freedom
Nehemiah: He is the One Who Restores what is broken.
Esther: Protector of His People
Job: Mediator between God and man
Psalms: The Lord who is our Good Shepherd and Son of God
Proverbs: Our Wisdom
Ecclesiastes: Our Meaning of Life
Song of Solomon: The Author of Faithful Love
Isaiah: Born of a virgin, Immanuel God with us.
Jeremiah: The weeping Prophet / Messiah

Lamentations: He assumes God’s wrath for us.
Ezekiel: Son of Man, descendant of David
Daniel: The 4th Man in the fiery furnace … One like the Son of God
Hosea: Our faithful Bridegroom Husband
Joel: Messiah offering salvation to all mankind and baptizing with the Holy Spirit
Amos: The Burden Bearer
Obadiah: The Mighty Savior
Jonah: The Forgiving God
Micah: Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.
Nahum: The Avenger of God’s Elect
Habakkuk: The Great Evangelist crying for revival
Zephaniah: The Mighty Warrior Who Saves
Haggai: The Cleansing Fountain
Zechariah: Messiah our Priest and King, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and pierced for our iniquity
Malachi: The Son of Righteousness

Then after 400 years of silence…

THE NEW TESTAMENT COMES ALIVE

Matthew: The Messiah, Son of David
Mark: The Holy One of God and Miracle Worker
Luke: The Horn of Salvation and Son of Man
John: The Only Begotten Son of God
Acts: The Prince of Life
Romans: The Justifier Root of Jesse
1 & 2 Corinthians: The Last Adam
Galatians: The Lord Jesus Christ Who sets us free
Ephesians: The Cornerstone
Philippians: The Name Above All Names meets every need.
Colossians: The Fullness of the Godhead, Hope of Glory
1 & 2 Thessalonians: The Soon Coming King and the Lord of Peace
1 & 2 Timothy: The Mediator Between God and Man
Titus: The Blessed Hope, Our Great God and Savior
Philemon: The Friend Closer Than a Brother
Hebrews: The Faithful High Priest
James: The Lord of Glory and Our Great Physician
1 & 2 Peter: The Chief Shepherd and The Living Stone
1 & 2 & 3 John: The Eternal Life and Everlasting Love
Revelation: The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords

JESUS “…Neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved!” Acts 4:12

I pray that all 66 Books of the Bible will bring a BLESSED CHRISTMAS and HOLIDAY SEASON!

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ABOUT US

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling to be “salt and light.”

The FCAP ministry is neither a special interest group, nor are we for certain issues.

FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

PERSPECTIVE & FOCUS

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God.

The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job, and our relationships with our co-workers.

FCAP’s mission: “To represent Christ in the airlines/aviation industry through meaningful relationships and quality work worldwide.”

FCAP’s purpose encourages people to know and experience God’s presence with them at work and to trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work.

VALUES

We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job. (Ephesians 6:6)

We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationships with them and looking out for their interests just as we do our own.

We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us. (John 13:35)

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