

My Thoughts for Sunday September 29,2013

Too Early For Christmas?

Two or three weeks ago, about September 15th, I entered the local Costco and thought I had stepped through a time warp. My mind tried to catch up to what I was seeing. Had I missed Thanksgiving? and Halloween? There before me in all its glitter and splendor were isles and isles of Christmas decorations and paraphernalia. My mind, at first said it can't be, it is just way too soon to think about Christmas.

Then as I proceeded with my shopping I told myself, you are wrong. It is never too early to think about this Glorious time of the year that is fast approaching. Although most of the glitter was pertaining to the commercial aspect of the holiday, there before me was a very large nativity scene complete with all the spectators and worshippers from that first Christmas. It was large and impressive.

Viewing this very well assembled scene brought me back through another time warp; back to that first great happening, when the Angels appeared to the shepherds in the field proclaiming the birth of their and our Savior.(Luke 2:8-12) I watched as the wise men came and worshipped Him with the very first Christmas gifts. Then I became aware that these gifts were given to the proper recipient, not to each other as is our custom. These gifts were brought for the Christ child, for it was His Birth Day. (Matthew 2:9-11)

I was being jostled back to the present by the crowd of shoppers with their various comments that it was way too early for Christmas shopping, and realized I was blocking an entire isle while on my time travel. I thought, "If only they could have taken that journey with me and experienced that wondrous happening, when God took on human form, left His glorious place in heaven to come and live with us".

My friends, it is never too early to review that wonderful day and all the great things that transpired when He came as our Savior and Redeemer. Whenever we celebrate Christmas, whether on the actual day of His birth, or as we do on December 25th, it is the purpose behind the celebration that is of importance. It is a day to celebrate His birth, not just a day when we receive gifts and try to out-do others in their gift giving.

Look forward, as I do, to joining our brothers and sisters in Christ in worshipping regularly until and through the celebration of His birth. It is never too early to remember the joys of the first Christmas.

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