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THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

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"BEHOLD THE POWER OF GOD"

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Part 2/5

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Introduction to the Text; Rev.19:6

"State The Contextual Summation and Theme"

When we talk about the Power of God we are of course talking about the "Attribute" of Omnipotence.

Rev. 19:6
And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For The Lord God **Omnipotent** reigns!

tonight – I wanna suggest to you

that the real power of God is not the created universe or the created earth. It's not the power of His created animal kingdom.

As awesome as His Creation of Weather is

– it's not His most powerful work.

Psa. 104:3b
Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,

As awesome as His Celestial designs may be

– it's not His most powerful work.

I must confess that for me, in the natural universe,

it's the awesome power of an *Earthquake* !
(I've experienced them. I am humbled by them, I am in awe of them for this reason – it's a mere "hint" of His absolute power….

…All these displays literally wane in comparison to the power that God has shown throughout history – *to dramatically, totally and powerfully change, transform – recreate a human being into a different person.*

Matt. 28:16-20
Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. **:17** When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. **:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority (power) has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **:20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Behold The Message Of God
Behold The Power Of God

2.) Behold the Power of God

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2a.) The power of God is observable

observable to a degree – but what is, is enough for us.

Observing the Sciences of;
Meteorology or Cosmology or Physics or Biology….

Psa. 139:13-16
For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. **:14** I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. **:15** My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. **:16** Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

But He has done even **greater things than physical creation** – Making something out of nothing is amazing. But making something Pure out of something Impure is Beyond amazing !!!

Is. 1:18
"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

2Cor. 5:17
Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

John 1:12
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **:13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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2b.) The power of God is measurable

measurable to a degree – but what is, is enough for us.

Psa. 19:1-4
The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. **:2** Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. **:3** There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. **:4** Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

But how can the power of **The Incarnation** of Jesus Christ (Christmas) be measured?

Eschatologically // Historically // Factually (?) *Really*

But how can the power of **Regeneration** be measured?

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Gen. 1:1
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

All this leads us to the "evidence" of God's existence.

Without the evidence of God's existence we would be meaningless people and our existence itself would be meaningless as well.

Did you know that throughout human history, belief in God has always been assumed?

The fathers of science

Johannes Kepler (1571-1630)

A brilliant mathematician and astronomer. He did early work on the attributes of light, and discovered the laws of planetary motion. He nearly discovered the Newtonian concept of universal gravity - well before Newton was born! He discovered the concept of force as it applies to astronomy. Kepler was an extremely sincere and pious Christian, whose works on astronomy often contain writings about how space, time and the celestial bodies represent the Trinity Of God.

Isaac Newton (1642-1727)

In *Principia* he stated, "The most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could have only proceeded from the counsel and dominion of an all intelligent and all powerful Being."

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Einstein is probably the best known and most highly revered scientist of the twentieth century. He recognized "The impossibility of a non-created universe." The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says of him: that he "Firmly denied atheism." - "I want to know how God created this world, I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thoughts, the rest are details." Einstein's famous epithet on the "uncertainty principle" was "God does not play dice" - "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."

CNN - Video Clip of Dr. Francis Collins

Author of;
The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief

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2c.) The power of God is experiential

***experiential* to a degree – but what is, is enough for us.**

Perhaps one of the most wonderful things about being a Christian is that your life is qualified by the Word of God. Without God's Biblical instruction – nothing in life would make sense, from the most rigorous approach to science to the most spiritual endeavor – none of them make any sense at all.

Psa. 34:8
Oh, **taste** and **see** that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

The Christmas Call Was…

Come and See, Behold the Lord
But how can The Power of God be **Experienced**?

I am a firm believer in the reality of a "Biblically-Based, Christ-Centered" Experience for the Believer.

Adam / Abraham / Moses / David / Paul… Finney, Graham, *Jack*
Personally – I have had many situations where God has shown me His power in my Life's experiences – not to be confused with experience God as a proof.

Notice That Unbelief is Not an Intellectual Issue.
It is rather an Emotional, Irrational and Feeling-Bias Persuasion
That a Person Uses to Reject God.

Psa. 14:1
The fool has said **in his heart**, *(the seat of emotions)* "There is no God."

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2d.) The power of God is practical

***practical* to a degree – but what is, is enough for us.**

But how can The "Practical" Power of God be **known**?

By **Practical** I mean "Usable" and "Worthwhile"
Christianity is the only "Evidence Based Faith in the World"

John 20:30-31
And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **:31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John is Saying That –
"I Have Provided for You What is Needed for You to Believe."

And Once a Man Believes – The Power of the Scriptures
Go to Work in that Man.

Is The Christmas Revelation True or False ?

1. Was the Coming of Jesus Christ ***Observable***?
2. Was the Coming of Jesus Christ ***Measurable***?
3. Was the Coming of Jesus Christ ***Experiential***?
4. Was the Coming of Jesus Christ ***Practical***?

Luke 1:26-35
Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **:27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **:28** And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" **:29** But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. **:30** Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **:31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. **:32** He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. **:33** And He will

reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."
:34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"
:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Now this is what we are saying – That God, by His Power visited Mary, Transcended to His earth and Into His creation. That by His Power came to us.

That Christmas was Not a Natural Process.
It was, is and will always be a Supernatural Process.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

Come Forward for Prayer

End of Study

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