



CHRISTMAS CAROLS | PART 1 | ALL YE FAITHFUL

The Charlie Brown Complex

“Charlie Brown, you’re the only person I know who can take a wonderful season like Christmas and turn it into a problem.”

-Linus

ROMANS 5:8 “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

FOR CENTURIES PEOPLE HAVE TOLD GREAT STORIES OF THE GLORY AND MAJESTY OF GOD, HIS COMING, HIS GRACE, HIS MERCY, HIS HEALING, HIS DELIVERANCE, HIS MIRACLES, HIS MIGHT, AND THE TRUTH IS MANY OF THOSE TRUE STORIES HAVE BEEN TOLD IN SONG...

I’M TALKING ABOUT THE SONGS THAT SING OF GOD MADE FLESH, OF THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS AND THE FULFILLMENT OF THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION...

THE SONGS WE HEAR BUT DO NOT THINK MUCH ABOUT ...
AND JUST MAYBE WE WILL DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW,
YET ANCIENT, TRUE, AND LIFE-GIVING THIS SEASON...

OUR FIRST CAROL...

"OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL"

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

I CANNOT HELP BUT THINK ABOUT JOHN'S GOSPEL...

JOHN 1:1-18

LOOKE AGAIN: 14 And the **Word** became **flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

THE WORD: "Word" 3056 *lógos* (from [3004](#) /*légō*, "speaking to a conclusion") – a *word*, being the expression of a *thought*; a saying. [3056](#) /*lógos* ("word") is preeminently used of *Christ* (Jn 1:1), expressing the *thoughts* of the Father through the Spirit.

TRUTH: Jesus is the "expressed thoughts", the "intelligence" of God made into human form. God's very essence, 100% God becoming also 100% man to humble Himself to die.

JESUS replaced ADAM! In the sense that Jesus, being the SON of God, 100% righteous, beating all common temptations, took back what Adam lost!

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THE WORD: "Glory" 1391. *Doxa* opinion (always good in NT), praise, honor, glory "exercising *personal opinion* which determines *value*" corresponds to the OT word, *kabo* (OT 3519, "to be *heavy*"). **Both terms convey God's infinite, intrinsic worth (substance, essence).**

TRUTH: Jesus carries the GLORY of God! Which is God's personal opinion, defining the WEIGHT & WORTH of Jesus's sacrifice!

full of GRACE & TRUTH!

BUT HERE'S A REALITY... WHEN IT COMES TO THE THINGS OF GOD... WE ARE NOT ALWAYS THE MOST FAITHFUL.

JESUS USES A PARABLE TO describe the KINGDOM OF GOD.

MATTHEW 25:14-30

TRUTH: IF YOU AND I ATTEMPT TO BE FAITHFUL BASED ON OUR OWN MERIT OR GOOD WORKS, WE WILL FAIL EVERY TIME

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

JESUS CHRIST IS BOTH THE SOURCE AND THE MEANS TO BE FAITHFUL TO HIM

JOHN 17

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