

Can You Hear the Holy Spirit's Clear Christmas Call?

Once the wise men discovered that prophecy dictated Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, they continued on their journey from Jerusalem, and suddenly, the star itself began to guide them along (see Matt. 2:9).

In that supernatural moment, they did not ignore the guidance of the star. They did not spend time doubting. They did not even just sit there and marvel at this wonder. They knew that something extraordinary was occurring and recognized that this star was a magnificent herald of someone infinitely greater. So they responded in faith and followed the star.

Just as God said, "Let there be light," and there was light, God had brought light to the minds of these Gentile Magi, that they might behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (see 2 Cor. 4:6). As a result, they desired to have a relationship with God rather than waste their lives chasing the empty promises of their pagan culture. And when they saw Jesus, all the emptiness and anxiety they had ever felt disappeared. Their journey was over.

When the Magi recognized the star, the celestial announcement of the birth of the King of kings, they responded in faith. They interrupted their lives to worship Jesus. The question is: Have you? Perhaps you have been in His Kingdom for some time, but have you been living in the light? Have you been worshipping Christ with your whole heart? Are you trusting Him to lead you, guide you, comfort you, and walk with you daily?

Scripture tells us, "There is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). It also declares, "The righteous will live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). The

God who left the splendor of heaven to come to earth, who humbled Himself to become an embryo in a virgin's womb, who lived in poverty, who died a gruesome death on the cross, and who was resurrected on the third day is asking you to put your faith in Him—and Him alone.

Just as the star of Bethlehem rose and guided the Magi to Christ, the Holy Spirit is drawing you to come and worship Christ this Christmas season. The joy that the Magi experienced when they found the Son can be yours if you come to Him today in repentance and faith.

Prayer: Father, You are the author of faith. I praise You for Your grace and mercy to me. May my faith grow and glorify You this Christmas as I reflect on the wonders of Your love. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6). {eoa}

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