

Three Reasons why Jesus is Better than Santa

Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): Every one of us deserves to be on the naughty list!

Point 1 – Santa comes once a year, but Jesus is always with us

- Promise that Jesus made when he gave the Great Commission

Matthew 28:20 And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age

Psalm 139:1-10 O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

Point 2 – Santa does magic, but Jesus does miracles

- Why are miracles better than magic?
 - Miracles are an expression of Jesus compassion for hurting people
 - They are a picture of the spiritual healing that Jesus offers
 - Miracles are a foretaste of heaven
- But we don't see miraculous signs that often!

Point 3 - Santa keeps a record of how good we have been, Jesus takes away the record of how bad we have been.

Colossians 2:13-14 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

- Reality of our sin
 - Trespasses – also translated as sin or transgressions
 - Record book of our sins
- Is it better to be just or merciful?
- Vs. 14 “Legal demands”
 - **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death
- Vs. 13 “The uncircumcision of your flesh”
 - *We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done*
 - “The uncircumcision of the flesh” refers to those who are not following after God
- **Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.