

GLC Weekly (14 December 2022)

Jesus Came "That Repentance for Forgiveness of Sins Should Be Proclaimed in His Name to All the Nations" – including for abortion

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This past week I was counseling a man who is having great difficulties in his marriage, and his wife wants to divorce him. He loves her and their seven children deeply. As he talked, he eventually shared that prior to marriage he had a girlfriend and got her pregnant, and she aborted their baby, his first child. He didn't think it had any effect upon him. However, he admitted that when his wife suffered from multiple miscarriages, those traumas did not impact him and he just went on with life. Yet as we talked, he was quite surprised at the emotional impact it had on me that his wife had many miscarriages – an emotional response he had never experienced. Also, he and his wife never faced together the devastating impact of the loss of each of those babies. So I encouraged my friend to face the reality of the loss of his first child by abortion, and his part in it. I prayed for him, and encouraged him to invite Jesus into that place, humbling himself, asking forgiveness, and receiving forgiveness of his sins from the One who gave His life to atone fully for his sins. If he will do this, I assured him, then walls will come down in his heart and he will be able to connect with his wife more deeply, knowing and expressing the compassion she needs to feel from him of the impact of the loss of their babies.

As we approach Christmas, let us remember why GOD The Father sent His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ to be conceived in the womb of a virgin, born as a man, born to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. After Jesus arose from the dead, when He was with His disciples before ascending back into heaven:

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things'" (Luke 24:45-48 NASB95).

Jesus came "that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations." Total forgiveness is available to every person on earth. That's the good news! Jesus paid the price for our atonement in full, and there is nothing we can add to what He did. But to receive forgiveness, we must receive Him and exercise "repentance for forgiveness of sins." If my friend truly realizes what he and his girlfriend did, and is "made sorrowful to the point of repentance ... according to the will of God," then his soul will be healed and the compassion of Christ will flow freely through him to his wife (John 1:12-13; 2 Corinthians 7:9; Psalm 23:3).

Pray that this Christmas many will encounter Jesus Christ in amazing ways; that their souls will be healed from the devastation of abortion and other sins as they turn to Christ in repentance; that Christ would be born anew in their hearts, liberating them from darkness and transferring them into the light of His kingdom (1 John 1:8-10; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9-10).

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Last: This is the last GLC Weekly for this year, but I'll let you know about support opportunities.

For the sacred gift of every human life and remembrance of children unborn,

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