

Dark Advent?

NO! It is no surprise to anyone - our world feels like it's been gut punched over and over again from all sorts of directions. Yup it has.

But Advent brings us a light that will overcome everything because it culminates in the birth of the Son of God Man whose birthday is not only the center of time, but we also mark His birth by the year as in roughly two thousand and twenty years ago plus or minus a few years.

He is the center!!! Of all things.

As I drive when it is dark, I don't know if this is really true, it just seems that folk have taken a step up with their Christmas decorations. Subconsciously or consciously the dark night seems ablaze in light. People have hope. People again have faith. And they sure do have love. And they want to shed light on the darkness.

One lesson we learn from the tiny death star (that is my description of Covid – it does look like one) is that kindness seems to be seeping up from the earth. People have done extraordinary things; random acts of kindness have exploded and then there are those front liners giving their lives for others. No greater love has any woman or man than to give their life for another.

I must admit I was smote by the Spirit of Jesus last night. I felt a calmness and lack of anxiety and a rare reduced pain load. First time in months. And I did ask Him specifically to calm me and help my relationships with others.

In the middle of the night I got up to take a walk outside. Gotta keep those legs moving every seven to eight hours. The moon was full (or close) and clouds as white as angels were flying with great speed over all the earth. It may have been one of the more spectacular shows of celestial light I have yet to see. The flying angels covered about half the sky and as they raced southward it gave the impression that the moon and stars were racing in the opposite direction. It was an incredible illusion.

How many times a day do we thank God? How many times a day do we tell the God Triune we love Him? If it is not countless we need to try to make it so.

Isaiah said from millennia ago...

*On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples
A feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.
On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.
The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.*

Scream hope, and faith and love from the top of your voices from the roofs of your houses.

He comes.

Believe.

Clement