

Essay from the bold pastor

#162 Christmas Story - A Junk Car -

You see a lot of junk cars on the road in the U.S. Since there are no strict car inspections, people keep driving their cars even if they are a bit old or broken. In fact, some of them are in a terrible condition. It was a few years ago that a married couple from the State of Arkansas took notice of one of those cars. Mr. and Mrs. Tacketts spend their summer vacation in Brandon, Missouri every year and would see a junk car in the parking lot of their favorite restaurant. They thought it had been abandoned there for a sight like that is not unusual in rural areas. However, it turned out that the car belonged to a waitress named Cindy who works at the restaurant.

“That is horrible. We have to do something about it,” they thought. What they decided to do was to give her a new car. The Tacketts visited the restaurant again around Thanksgiving Day in November. After finishing their meal, they took Cindy outside and said “Merry Christmas” as they handed her the key to the car they bought for her. Cindy broke into tears to see the beautiful car with a red bow. She said, “My heart sank every time I saw the old car. But I had no money...” Seeing hospitality bring joy to Cindy, I remembered a Christmas story in the Bible about a sterile elderly woman, Elizabeth, getting pregnant.

“The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.” Luke 1:25

As a proof that Jesus Christ is not just a great man but God, his appearance and activities had been predicted and written down in the Bible more than 1,000 years before he was born. There is more to it. The baby Elizabeth gives birth to in the story is named John, and he was born to later throw spotlight on the appearance of Jesus. That means Jesus Christ already had a subordinate unlike man who cannot organize people before coming into this world. To make the story even greater, the appearance of John was also predicted in the bible 400 years prior to his birth. Furthermore, the unexpected childbirth of the elderly woman proves that it was an absolute work of God. The lady who lived in shame due to her infertility during the ancient period ultimately won a victory. Behind Christmas lies such a story.

We all feel down when things don't work out. Some people shut themselves away from the world or snap at others. Jesus Christ came to this world to take away our weaknesses and shame so we can become a new self. We shall let Jesus Christ in our hearts and revive our wrecked soul this Christmas.

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