EDITOR’S NOTE
The salvation of mankind was dependent on Jesus coming to earth and living a perfect life, then dying as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world—for every disobedience, by every man and woman who has ever lived, to God’s righteous laws.

All of this is another way of saying that Jesus had to be born because He is our Redeemer. God in His infinite mercy foreordained His plan of redemption for sinful mankind through Christ (1 Peter 1:20). Jesus was declared to be “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” to redeem humanity (Revelation 13:8).

But why does sin require a redeemer? The Bible shows us that “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23), and “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Therefore, all have earned the death penalty for sin. People speak of human “rights,” yet the only real right anyone has earned is the right to eternal death. But God has made allowance for sinners to be redeemed, or bought back, from the death penalty by a redeemer. Romans 5 calls Jesus “the second Adam,” in contrast to the first, the original man. The first Adam brought sin into the world (Romans 5:12). The second Adam—Jesus Christ—brought redemption, reconciliation and the hope of eternal life (Romans 5:6-10).

Since the wages of sin is death, redemption requires the sacrificial death of the Redeemer. “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ” (Galatians 4:4-7).

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Nikki Haley on Faith, the ‘War on Women,’ and Why She Would Say No to VP

Interview by Sarah Pulliam Bailey/APRIL 28, 2012

Nikki Haley’s faith caused a stir in her primary race for governor of South Carolina when her upbringing as a Sikh drew questions from her opponents. She occasionally visits a Sikh temple in honor of her family’s tradition, but she regularly attends a Methodist church. Her new book, Can’t Is Not an Option, explains her conversion to Christianity and the kinds of questions she faced as the daughter of immigrants. CT spoke with Haley about her conversion, whether Mitt Romney has a “woman problem,” and how her faith influences her policy.

Since you faced questions about your Christian faith and Sikh upbringing, what would you say to those who would question President Obama’s faith?
We have the right to ask what faith someone follows. But what church they go into and what they do in that church doesn’t matter as much as what they do when they come out. How strong is their faith, and how does that lead them into decisions going forward that will impact the states and the country? That’s what I think matters the most. Yes, my husband and I are Christians, but we’re not going to say anything negative about the way my parents raised me, because they reminded us every day how blessed we were to live in this country. My mother took us to every church in my hometown because she wanted me to see the many ways that people get to God and to respect all of them. She would say you can’t have too much God in your life. She actually wanted us to be exposed so that we weren’t judgmental, so we didn’t think it was wrong. We shouldn’t have to put anyone else down in order to talk positively about what we believe.

You attend a United Methodist Church, Mt. Horeb—would you describe yourself as evangelical or born-again in addition to being Methodist?
We’ve always been somewhat private about our faith because I’m not one that likes to see politics in church. We sit in the back row in church because we want to hear and feel the message without distraction. I don’t want to go to a label because I don’t know what that means. I know that we both feel like we have personal relationships with God that we want to continue to strengthen for ourselves and for our family. You wrote, “I converted to Christianity because the teachings of Christ spoke to me in a way that I could understand and that would help me live my life.” Do you see religion as something that has a benefit? Absolutely. When you go to a position like this, the one thing that helps you get through political challenges is your faith. You have to have a deep faith, you have to have a strong connection to God, and you have to stay very close to your family. In this job, there’s a lot you can control and a lot you can’t control. At some point you put your hands up and you say God’s going to let the right thing happen.

Was there a specific moment that you had a come to Jesus experience or said “This is what I believe”?
I think it was somewhat of a long conversation, but it was more of me trying to figure out who I was and how I was going to be. I felt my faith, and I felt the feelings, but I couldn’t understand the language. It was like I developed the connection with God just in an emotional way. When I met my husband and we started talking about how we wanted to raise our family, it was really just listening to the teaching and going to church. I felt like I took something I knew was right, which was a strong belief that there was a Lord, but being able to put that in words that I could understand—I can’t explain it, but it was just a very enlightening and a very good moment for me and a good moment for our family.

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Christmas values for all: Marking Christ’s birth is a positive reinforcement of Christian faith in the values and principles he brought to the world

You don’t have to be a practicing Christian to believe in the values of Christmas. They are universal. They uphold the human dignity and right of every human being irrespective of religion, race or status.

Believer or not, Jesus of Nazareth whose birth we celebrate was a wise man of great principles and he brought a message of hope, peace, love, justice and human dignity into the world. Believers hold he is the revered Son of God.

The Christmas festivities are a positive reinforcement of Christian faith in the values and principles he brought into the world that are valid today as they were on the day he spoke them.

Blessed are the poor for they have a right to the land, he said. Blessed are the oppressed, they have a right to justice and freedom. Blessed are they who are oppressed and threatened with death, for they deserve freedom and life and many more.

He was hailed as a messiah, a savior of the world to save it from wrongdoing. He was the child destined to be the prophet of justice and truth, love and a champion of human dignity. He was driven as a refugee and migrant out of his home because of threats of violence and murder. By virtue of that alone, all refugees and migrants have a right to a fair welcome and help.

Blessed are they who give a welcome for there was none for the Holy Family on the day of his birth. This child was born among animals, his family was excluded from the inn and in later life he was rejected and thrown out of the synagogue in his hometown.

He was the one that spoke out and challenged rulers of society to change, respect the poor and to share their wealth and national resources to make a just society. He was undaunted by criticism and challenge and being despised and vilified, he brought his mission to national attention and captivated the world and changed it.

The child from Bethlehem established the inalienable rights of all. He was the child who would place children as the most important in the kingdom whose rights and dignity would be exalted and respected. But they are not respected by politicians and leaders and society but are abused, tortured and rejected.

He was the child destined to call the sinners to repent and to transform the world. He passed that message to throngs that came to believe, respect and live out those values in daily practice. So all of us are challenged to accept and live them faithfully in one’s own life, in the family and in society.

The greatest value of all is love of the unknown stranger, like that shown by the good Samaritan, and respect, forgiveness, compassion, healing and saving our fellow human beings. To practice them and persuade society to implement the values is a mission and give meaning and purpose to our lives.

If we believe in his values then we are called to lift the poor from misery and poverty, to bring social equality and dignity and live in peace and end war. Each of us can find a way to make the values real for them and for those around them. Each must act according to our ability.

The Christmas challenge is almost impossible to be fulfilled in the commercial and political world. They are on a collision course. There can be no compromise with human rights. Killing of suspects is morally wrong and amounts to murder.

The commercial interests and the false news that Christmas is about tinsel and partying and having a good time smoothers the meaning of Christmas. But we can change that in our lives by putting into practice the values we say we believe.

So what is the point of Christmas if its message and its very center, Jesus born in Bethlehem, is ignored? The message of Jesus will be rejected and ignored by those steeped in corruption, vice and crime. For them, the call to repent and embrace the values and principles of justice, love, truthfulness and respect for human rights is just a laughable joke. That is their choice and that is the root of evil in the world.

We can rise above that and must do all we can to keep alive the message, stand for the principles and live clean lives of honesty and faithfulness, virtue and the values of Christmas.

Irish Father Shay Cullen, SSC, established the Preda Foundation in Olongapo City in the Philippines in 1974 to promote human rights and the rights of children, especially victims of sex abuse.

Nick Vujicic Brings ‘God Is Good’ to 600 US Prisons, Caring for ‘Least of These’

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Nick Vujicic will bring his message of hope to prisons in America through a series of video talks. Flickr/EdMcGowan

Motivational speaker and Australian Christian evangelist Nicholas James Vujicic is bringing his message of positivity to various prisons in America. Born with phocomelia, Nick is known as the “limbless evangelist” and has traveled all over the world to preach that no matter the circumstance “God is good”.

Vujicic just finished ministering in Dubai and in an interview he answered what he believes in the biggest challenge that young people face today. He claims that it’s not knowing their value and purpose in life. He says the youth of today try to find their value in the wrong things and end up suffering. He reiterated that true peace and joy can only come from knowing God.

When he was born and realized he was different from the other kids in his hometown of Melbourne, the abuse, and bullying he got caused him to almost end his life. But he has since found purpose and continues to inspire people from all over the world. He established Life Without Limbs, wrote several inspirational books, and has also found love with wife Kanae Miyahara, with whom he has two children. “I don’t think I could have the hope that I have found without my faith in God. With prayer and scripture and meditation, that’s how I get through my daily life, through the ups and downs,” the bestselling author said on a recent speaking stint in Dubai.
Why Was Jesus Crucified?

According to the gospels, the main charge against Jesus was that he claimed to be the king of the Jews. The Roman soldiers were mocking this idea when they dressed him in a purple robe and set up a crown of thorns on his head. This was also the charge written on the sign at the top of the cross.

But the charge was false. The enemies of Jesus had concocted it by twisting the meaning of the old Jewish prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. According to those prophecies, the Messiah was a great future leader who would overthrow all evil oppressors and create the new kingdom of God. As a result, when he and his disciples set out for Jerusalem to attend the annual Passover festival, they were accompanied on the trip by a large group of followers. It isn't clear how big this procession eventually became, because other groups of festival-goers may have joined it along the way. But by the time it reached Jericho it was apparently large enough to attract considerable attention, for many people in the city heard that it was coming and gathered along the road to watch Jesus go by.

According to Luke 19:11, during the last stage of the trip many of the travelers were expecting the new perfect Kingdom of God to be created at any moment. This is an indication of the high level of excitement within the group at this time. This excitement was sustained all the way to the end of the trip, so that when Jesus reached Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, a large exuberant crowd celebrated his entry into the city.

Shortly after he arrived, he got so angry at the dishonest merchants in the temple courtyard that he launched a physical attack against them. A few biblical scholars, looking for hidden meanings, have argued that he was actually trying to trigger an uprising in the city. Others have suggested that he expected God to step in and create the new kingdom by divine intervention. But the gospels indicate that his main concern during this period was to prepare his disciples for his coming departure. Christians often blame the Jews for his death. But this blame should probably be limited to the Jewish religious leaders, who had managed to keep some of their power by cooperating with the Romans. These leaders saw the crowds that gathered around Jesus, and they knew that many people were calling him the Messiah. Mark 11:18 says "they feared him, because a whole crowd was amazed at his teaching." But their ultimate fear probably went deeper, because if growing numbers of people believed that Jesus was the Messiah, he could eventually become a serious threat to their authority.

Mark 12:12 says that these religious leaders initially hesitated to arrest Jesus because "they were afraid of the crowd." But at some point they decided that they had to get rid of him. With Judas Iscariot’s help, they were able to seize him late at night when there was no crowd to defend him. After interrogating him until early morning, they turned him over to the Romans and accused him of claiming to be a king. Under Roman law, anyone who claimed to be a king was guilty of rebellion against the emperor. The normal punishment was crucifixion.

But the crucifixion didn't take place until the Roman governor Pontius Pilate gave the final order for it, and the gospels indicate that he was reluctant to do so. Apparently he realized that Jesus was innocent. Actually, he had the power to release Jesus if he really wanted to. But in his role as governor he often needed the collaboration of the Jewish leaders. And in the end, he was more concerned with placating them than with saving Jesus. Thus the gospels put nearly all of the blame for the crucifixion on the Jewish leaders. But some scholars think that just as much blame, or even more, should be placed on the Romans. In fact John 18:3 says that Roman soldiers took part in the initial arrest of Jesus, suggesting that the Romans were involved in the matter almost from the beginning. Their military commanders always kept a close watch on the city, especially during festivals. They could have easily mistaken Jesus for a political agitator, or even a potential rebel leader. And they were usually quick to react to even a minor threat.

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When the Jewish leaders wanted to kill someone, they usually sent their henchmen to gather a mob and stone the victim to death. Crucifixion was a Roman method of punishment, and it is a basic fact that Roman soldiers, not Jews, put Jesus on the cross. For these reasons, some scholars think that the Romans were the real culprits, but that the gospel writers tried to cover this up and blame the Jewish leaders instead. The gospels were written during a period when Christians were trying to avoid trouble with the Romans, and putting the blame on them could have created friction. It would have been much safer to blame the Jews.

But other scholars, while they agree that the Romans were partly responsible, still think that the Jewish leaders should get most of the blame. These leaders probably had a much greater fear of Jesus than the Romans did. But they wouldn't have wanted the common people to blame them for his death. To try to avoid this, they could have coaxed the Romans into believing that Jesus was a trouble-maker, and let them get rid of him.

A compromise view is that both groups, Jewish leaders and Romans, played major roles. But unless new evidence is uncovered, there will probably always be disagreement about who should get the most blame.

In any case, the crucifixion can be explained as a natural result of the prevailing political circumstances in Palestine. However, many Christians believe that it was actually pre-ordained beforehand, as part of a divine plan in which Jesus had to suffer and die as a sacrifice to pay for everyone's sins.
India’s Poor Hit Hard by New Currency Policy

Endless lines outside banks have become the norm in India, as millions of people queue to deposit or exchange the 500 and 1,000 rupee notes that, since last week, have become officially worthless.

For India’s poor, however, the country’s new currency policy is more than just an inconvenience. “We don’t have anything to eat in our house,” Manjula Begum, a waste picker in the city in a show of solidarity with Christians.

Iraq: Muslim Businessman Erects Giant Christmas Tree in Show of Solidarity with Christians

A Muslim businessman in Iraq has put up the tallest Christmas tree in the city in a show of solidarity with Christians.

Yassir Saad told the Associated Press this week that he wanted to come together with “our Christian brothers in their holiday celebrations and helping Iraqis forget their anguish, especially the war in Mosul.”

The tree is 85 feet tall and 33 feet wide and stands in Baghdad’s al-Zawra Park. It costs about $24,000, Saad said.

Islamic radicals routinely target Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq. In many places, Islamic State militants have taken to burning thousands of homes before surrendering the occupied territories, leaving no place for the displaced Christians to return to.

“Everything is gone. We have nothing left. Why should we stay in this country any longer?” one unnamed man told ChristianityToday.com.

“We have lost all hope. Is there any country willing to take us in? Please, tell me which one; we will be on the next plane out of here.”

Said Father Thabet, a priest from Karak: “The effect is a mounting feeling of hopelessness among the Christians when they discover the damage. They will really need time to recover from this news, to adjust to the new perspective of living in displacement longer than they might have expected.”

Christmas spirit at inter-faith peace rally in Rajasthan city

School children dressed as Catholic nuns joined Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs for a peace rally that has now become an annual Christmas event in Udaipur, a Hindu majority city in western India.

Some 10,000 people joined this year’s rally Dec. 19. (Photo courtesy of Father Norbert Herman)

A peace rally established by a church group eight years ago has become an annual event involving major religions in the Indian city of Udaipur in the desert state of Rajasthan.

Some 10,000 people — Christians, Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs — joined the eight kilometre walk through the city streets on Dec. 19.

“Jesus Christ is beyond religion, and he came to the world to bring peace. That is the reason this peace rally is conducted just before Christmas,” said Father Norbert Herman, director of Maitri Sadan (Friendship Home) who first organized the rally.

Carmel carts depicting nativity scenes and other stories of Christ’s birth were a part of the rally, as were environmental or pro-life themes from some of the 20 schools that joined the event.

Chandra Singh Kothari, city mayor and chief guest of the program, said that “peace is the need of the hour in this tumultuous time and Jesus came to bring peace and joy in the world.”

Bishop Devaprasad Banwata of Udaipur and leaders of other religions gave messages of unity, peace and joy.

William D’Souza, principal of St. Anthony’s School in Udaipur and one of the participants in the rally, said it felt good that festival brought people from all religions together.

“The rally is a joint effort by all that has set an example of love and brotherhood among all communities,” said D’Souza.
The fatty liver disease was less to human beings."

Our wonderful God, our Lord forever," he wrote. "Who can guess His wisdom and trusting God in a letter of encouragement with those deprived of their religious freedom."

Sometimes, "illegally possessing state secrets," and "crowd to disturb public order" after he tried to stop authorities from confiscating his computer hard drive, according to China Aid. He was sentenced to two consecutive, five-day administrative detention sentences for each charge, but on Dec. 20, 2015, when he was supposed to be released, his wife saw authorities forcing the blindfolded pastor into an unlicensed vehicle, the advocacy group said. She subsequently learned that Pastor Yang was initially arrested for "obstructing justice" and "gathering a crowd to disturb public order" after he tried to stop authorities from confiscating his computer hard drive, according to China Aid. He was sentenced to two consecutive, five-day administrative detention sentences for each charge, but on Dec. 20, 2015, when he was supposed to be released, his wife saw authorities forcing the blindfolded pastor into an unlicensed vehicle, the advocacy group said.

After describing how doctors applying sulfur ointment were able to heal the body, he tells her not to worry about his health. "The fatty liver disease was diagnosed in prison," he writes. "The"
I once visited the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, with my wife, Margie, and my son. My wife, formally trained as a nurse, is a student of the fine arts. She studies every little thing while I do most things in a hurry so we can get them over with and get to our next destination. As we walked through the museum, she studied every painting while I glanced here and there. I recall it being a magnificent and historic place, but not much more.

Some years later I was reading a book by Henri Nouwen. He was teaching at Harvard and had just returned from an exhausting trip of lecturing when he encountered a poster he had never seen before. Two years later he resigned from his teaching post and went to the State Hermitage Museum to find one painting: the one represented in the poster that he couldn’t get out of his mind. It was The Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt’s depiction of the prodigal son coming home. Nouwen traveled to Russia and sat in front of that painting for three hours—and it changed his life. After this encounter, he knew that he wanted to work with mentally handicapped children and joined a community in Toronto dedicated to this ministry.

Banned Christmas: Oil-rich Brunei has banned public celebrations of Christmas for fear of Muslims being led astray, it was announced today. Pictured, Sultan of Brunei HassanalBolkiah

Earlier in April, the rest of the world condemned monarch-ruled Brunei after announcing the introduction of the Sharia penal code that would include penalties such as the severing of limbs and the stripping of women’s empowerment of women, their physical and mental integrity and their sexual and reproductive rights. “Women should not be compelled by the state to keep an unwanted pregnancy,” he wrote.

“It is the woman who supports the full burden of pregnancy. And as a man does not become pregnant, there will only be full equality if we respect the will of the woman in this matter.” The judges said the fear of imprisonment had not had a significant impact on the number of abortions in the country but somehow they are kept from recognizing him. Jesus asks them why they are so downcast and they respond by asking him if he is the only visitor to Jerusalem that doesn’t know what has happened there over the weekend.

The delightful irony of their question is that he is the only one who did know what had happened! So Luke tells us, “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself” (Luke 24: 27). The seven miles fly by and before they realize it, they arrive in Emmaus. True easterners, the two disciples invite Jesus to join them for dinner. As they sit down to eat, Jesus becomes the host and takes the bread in his hands and blesses it. Suddenly, the disciples are stopped in their tracks and they recognize him: Jesus! Whether the breaking of the bread reminds them of a meal shared with him previously or their eyes catch a glimpse of the wounds in his hands, their eyes are opened to him. Though they spent a couple of hours journeying seven miles with Jesus, they did not pause to take in the weight of all that he shared with them until they were seated before him.

Contrast them with a surgeon at work, completely focused on the delicate task at hand and the patient entrusted to his or her care. Think, too, of the hours one must invest in preparing for such a vocation and the disciplines needed in order to develop such skills. Or consider a mother with her children. Think of the hours she has invested to be by their side and be able to understand what they really need.

Can we do any less in the discipline of study and preparation to finish the task to which God has called us? The study of God is the highest science, the loftiest pursuit, and the mightiest discipline. Its rewards are immeasurable. “Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart… Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble” (Psalm 119:2,165).

Tozer concluded, God has not bowed to our nervous haste nor embraced the methods of our machine age. It is well that we accept the hard truth now: the man who would know God must give time to Him! He must count no time wasted which is spent in the cultivation of His acquaintance. He must give himself to meditation and prayer hours on end. So did the saints of old, the glorious company of the apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets and the believing members of the holy Church in all generations. And so must we if we would follow in their train.

Might we sit long enough to take in what God has for us, for that is the greatest investment we will ever make.

5-Year Jail Time For Anyone Who Celebrates Christmas In Brunei

The penalty for celebrating Christmas in Brunei is punishable with a jail term of up to 5 years. Brunei’s latest decision to ban Christmas officially will no doubt, attract more international criticism- following the harsh Sharia penal code that was announced to be implemented in the state in April by Brunei’s 68-year-old Sultan HassanalBolkiah.
The six-hour prayer event marks the end of 50 days of fasting, and for many Christians, hopefully the start of a new life without ISIS.

(The Middle East) — [CBN News] Tens of thousands of persecuted Christians gathered to pray for Iraq and victory against ISIS. (Screen grab via CBN News)

The prayer movement, which happened in Erbil Friday brought, more than 20,000 Christians together during a time of intense bloodshed. The prayers did not just stay there, but were broadcast throughout the Middle East by a Christian satellite network.

The six-hour prayer event marks the end of 50 days of fasting, and for many Christians, hopefully the start of a new life without ISIS.

Attendees stood together in the shape of a cross and released balloons with prayers in them “as a symbol of raising prayer on behalf of the whole nation,” according to George Makeen, SAT-7 ARABIC’s Programming Director.

Makeen added that while many areas have been liberated from the grip of the Islamic State, the future will be challenging for those people who have suffered violence and fear for the past two years. (Screen grab via CBN News)
SILENT NIGHT!  
HOLY NIGHT!  

Lk. 2.11

Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848  
English translation by John F. Young, 1820-1885

When this beloved hymn was written by two humble church leaders for their own mountain village parishioners, little did they realize how universal its influence would eventually be.

Joseph Mohr, assistant priest in the Church of St. Nicholas in the region of Tyrol, high in the beautiful Alps, and Franz Gruber, the village schoolmaster and church organist, had often talked about the fact that the Perfect Christmas hymn had never been written. So Father Mohr had this goal in mind when he received word that the church organ would not function. He decided that he must write his own Christmas hymn immediately in order to have music for the special Christmas eve mass. He did not want to disappoint his faithful flock. Upon completing the text, he took his words to Franz Gruber, who exclaimed when he saw them, “Friend Mohr, you have found it—the right song—God be praised!”

Soon Gruber completed his task of an appropriate tune for the new text. His simple but beautiful music blended perfectly with the spirit of Father Mohr’s words. The carol was completed in time for the Christmas Eve mass, and Father Mohr and Franz Gruber sang their new hymn to the accompaniment of guitar. The hymn made a deep impact upon the parishioners even as it has on succeeding generations.

When the organ repairman came to the little village church, he was impressed by a copy of the Christmas carol and decided to spread it all around the region of Tyrol. Today it is sung in all major languages of the world and is a favorite wherever songs of Christmas message are enjoyed.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round you virgin mother & Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.