**R829 Rumination for Dec 20, 2020**

The **T**heme: **Unto US A Child Is Born, Unto Us A Son Is Given** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *For* ***unto us******a child is born****,* ***unto us a son is given.***Isa. 9:6

The **T**hots:

1. **Unto Us A Child Is Born.**
2. The **F**orecast Isa. 9:6

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder…*

1. For the **M**essiah’s and our Time: *Unto us Child is born, unto us a Son is given:* Isa. 9:6a

The **M**eaning: i. *A Child is born* – The Humani**ty** of Jesus

ii. *A Son is given* – The Dei**ty** of Jesus

1. For the **M**illennium*:* [*…shall reign with Him a thousand years.*] Rev.20:6

*The government shall be upon His shoulder:* Isa. 9:6b

*and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God,*

*The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace*

1. The **F**ulfilment.
2. The **C**onfirmation: *Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son,* Matt. 1:23
3. The **C**onception: …*that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.* Matt. 1:20
4. The **C**oncept: i. The Child’s Humanity – *thou shalt call His name JESUS:*

*for He shall save His people from their sins.* Mt. 1:21

ii. The Child’s Deity: *they shall call His name EMMANUEL,*

*which being interpreted is,* *God with us.* Mt. 1:23

1. The **F**ruit: *God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son…* Jn. 3:16
2. The **C**onsequence: *that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
3. The **C**hallenge:
4. *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us:*

*and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.* I Jn. 3:16

1. *Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.* I Jn. 4:11
2. **Unto Us A Son Is Given.**
3. The Old Testa**ment** Picture of Abraham **S**acrificing his **S**on: Gen. 22:2

*He said, Take now thy* ***son****, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest…and offer him…for a burnt offering.*

1. Cf. Jesus, God’s only beloved **S**on – *God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten* **Son**. Jn. 3:16
2. Jesus was offered by God as a **S**acrifice for **S**inners:

*God…sent His* ***S****on to be the propitiation for our sins.* I Jn. 4:10

1. The **C**lear State**ments** that God Loved **S**inners and **S**acrificed His **S**on for them.
2. [God] *loved us, and* ***S****ent His* ***S****on to be the propitiation for our* ***S****ins.* I Jn. 4:10
3. *God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten* ***S****on,*

*that whosoever believeth in Him* ***S****hould not perish, but have everlasting life.* Jn. 3:16

1. *God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet* ***S****inners, Christ died for us*. Rom. 5:8
2. The **C**hallenging Argu**ments** of God’s Love: Rom. 8:32-39

*He that* ***S****pared not His own* ***S****on, but delivered* [**S**acrificed] *Him up for us all…*

**C**hallenge 1: ***How*** *shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

**C**hallenge 2: ***Who*** *shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

**C**hallenge 3: ***Who*** *is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,*

***Who*** *is even at the right hand of God,*

***Who*** *also maketh intercession for us.*

**C**hallenge 4: ***Who*** *shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress,*

*or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

**C**onclusion: *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.*

*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,*

*shall be able to separate us from* ***the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord****.*

This is the Christmas Message for the Year!

On this Lord’s Day, let us **R**eflect on and **R**emember it as we are **R**eminded of the Lord in this Supper,

of His Birth, Life, Death, **R**esurrection and **R**eturn again to **R**apture us into His Presence when we take of the Bread and Drink of the Cup at the **R**emembrance Feast.

*Unto us a child is born, Unto us a son is giv’n!*

*Rejoice, ye sinners, sad, forlorn, He intercedes with angry Heav’n.*

*Wonderful, shall be His name, God, whose reign shall never cease,*

*Counselor, of mighty fame, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.* Anonymous

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK: R. 829**

1. The Child Who was Born and the Son Who was Given Brought eternal Blessings and Gifts from God to us.

This Christmas Season let us never forget the Reason for the Season and Remember the Birth of the Son as we should!

Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic at this time of the year, many big congregations cannot gather physically because of the SOP to keep social distancing of at least one metre between any two people. Many church buildings have their capacity to accommodate the members tremendously reduced. They will not be able to accommodate visitors (Christian and non-Christian) on this special occasion. Consequently many have to close and gather virtually (on line) instead.

My own assembly at Burmah Road Gospel Hall is no exception.



Hence, for this Christmas season, they are holding their Christmas service virtually and anyone can attend this service by visiting it online. This means, whoever you are and wherever you are, you may attend this service without any problem.

Just click on the URL supplied here:

<https://brgh.penang-assemblies.org/christmas/>

at **11.00a.m. or 8.00p.m. on Christmas Day** and you will be there for the service. Not only, can you attend, but also members of your family and your friends all over the world can do so – just synchronise your time with the time of the meeting and you will be there.

See you there and your family and friends. This is the time to reach out to them and enlighten them with the reason for the season. **REFLECT**

1. It is five days more to Christmas.

On that first Christmas night, an angel appeared to the shepherds

and announced to them: Luke 2:10, 11

***F****ear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,*

*which shall be to all people.*

***F****or unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,*

*which is Christ the Lord.*

**F**or the next **F**ive days to Christmas, will you relay this angel’s message to your **F**riends and assay their **F**ear especially at this time of the Covid\_19 pandemic and invite them to hear the good news of the true CHRISTmas –

***The Reason for the Season?***  **REFLECT**.

My family and I take this opportunity to wish you all

***An Advanced Blessed CHRISTmas***

***And A Bountiful New Year***

**POINTS TO PONDER: *Christmas is not X-mas with CHRIST Crossed out –***

***Put CHRIST back - the Reason for the Season!***