



New Lessons from Christmas (Launching a Movement)

LA Japan 1st Anniversary, Christmas Celebration
2015 Dec 20

Always something new

- Christmas – same story, yet new lessons
 - movie vs. Bible (Rhema word – special app)
 - never heard: Biblical oblation run (Lk 14:52)
- Tips on launching a movement
 - LA Japan

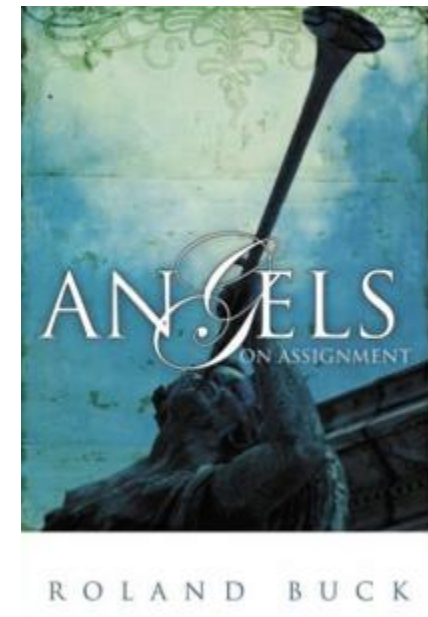


NEW BEGINNING



Tell the world

- Angels, Star – bright, visible
- Election Campaign
- Internet (ICATokyo website)
- Shepherds
 - Word of mouth
 - 6 degrees



<http://www.angelsonassignment.org/>

Low Cost (Good Deal)



- Manger, shepherds –free
- PH micro-satellite (Diwata, save P2B)
- Building + Full-time pastor ?
- Wise spending
- Best is free (Rich Dad)
- Know privileges
 - pendesal Christian
 - city facilities, Gov' t subsidy

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Be Different

- Manger, angels, virgin, star
- Not boring (pinakbet, pancit)
- Phil Elections – change (only constant)
- 2 ordinances: baptism & Lord's supper
 - other man-made traditions can be changed
 - roasted turkey & oven, white funeral
- Order/style of worship
 - circle, Q&A, outing, **sharemon**



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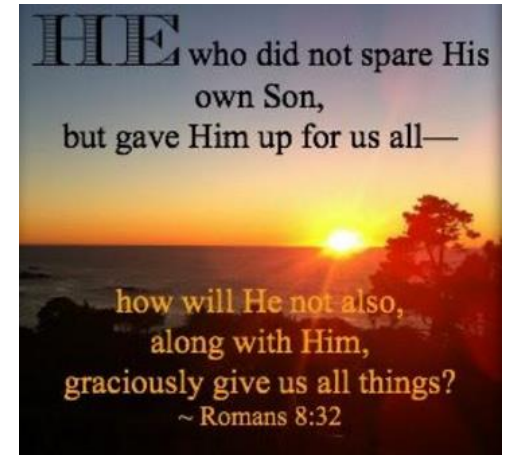
Maximum change...?



Be Giving

- Christmas = Love = Giving
- Monito/monita, Santa
- Closed hand, pipe channel

- Church: What can I give?
 - money, time, food, smile, ears
- Go out (not clique, club)
 - Catch fish beyond 4 walls



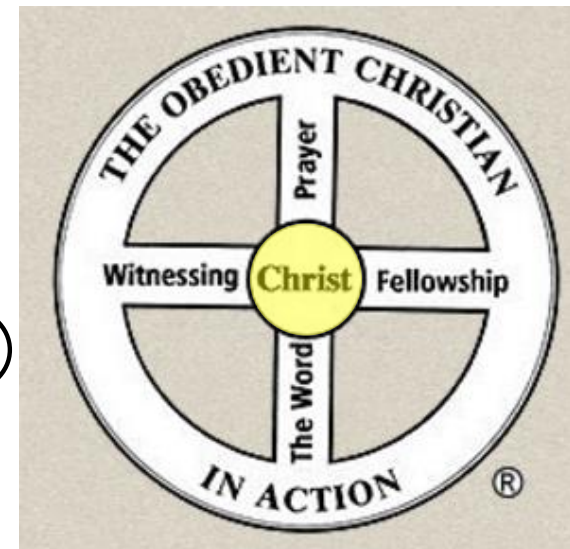
Spot what's wrong

Be Focused

- Christmas excitement – why?
- The forgotten b-day boy
- **HIS**tory, B.C./A.D., Jerusalem
- “Christ”-mas (Kristo ga kimas)



- Ministry = Christ
- Wheel illustration (Navs)
- Martha vs. Mary (Luke 10:38~)
 - Too busy for kingdom



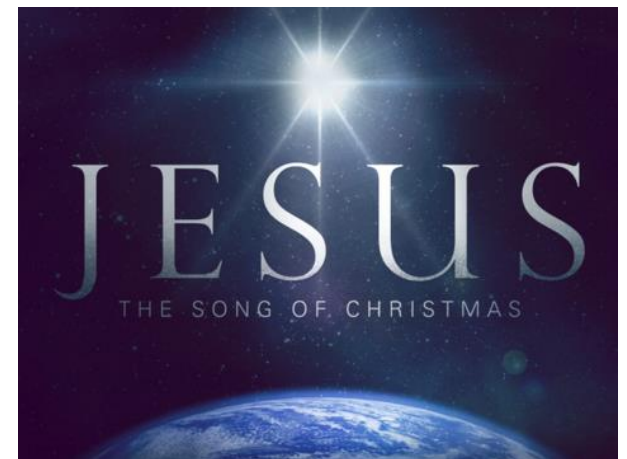
Why are you excited about Christmas?

- Noche Buena, reunion party, food
 - queso de bola, hamon, fruitcake
- Simbang gabi + puto bumbong
- Vacation – no more classes/work
- Shopping, Bonus, Good sales
- Caroling, pasalubong, remittance
- Kris kringle, exchange gifts
- Date with partner
- Illumination, decors, snow



Is Jesus the center of your life?

- What you do alone
- How you spend free time
- What books are on your shelf



Conclusion



- **Christmas** – same story, new lessons
 - Angels announced the lowly birth of God's gift to man, His special Son Jesus
- To launch a ministry/church:
 - Announce your low-cost, unique, giving and Christ-centered movement