

A Story about Christ—mas & God's Plan vs. Man's Freewill

Given all of the talk today about:

- 1) The general belief that there should be a division between the church and state.
- 2) A general belief that Christ should be taken out of Christmas.
- 3) And with the recent school shooting, "How a loving God could let this happen".

I would like to explore these issues based on actual scripture. First I would like to say that men in general have always tried to quantify God in terms that they can understand and more importantly create a definition of God based on our own character as men. This is not possible as God is the creator and we are the created. I think this one issue has caused every generation of men to underestimate the importance of God in terms of creation and who controls the duration/time of creation, as well as, the power & control God possesses over his creation and man. Then, to compound this issue, man continuously overestimates the importance and control that he really has over himself in terms of God's creation and God's plan for his creation. It is my opinion that man does control two things: 1) where he will spend eternity, however, God did provide the solution, and 2) how much pain he will put himself through before he dies, given his sinful actions always requires an adjustment by God.

I would also like to discuss in some detail several issues imbedded within the above three questions like:

- 1) God's Plan for man and the adjustments that God had to make to keep man's sinful nature on track with God's plan;
- 2) How God allowed man to have freewill from day one, understanding that this was always part of Gods plan.

