

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



YOU THINK IT WILL FLY?

Answering the phone, there was a well-recognised voice, "Grandpa? You know the wooden train sets you and Dad made years ago?" A hesitant "Yes...." Well...(pregnant pause), do you think you could **PLEASE** make me a wooden model of a Spartan? It would be so **COOL!**" Explanation: "Spartan" is the type of transport plane said granddaughter, as an RAAF technician, is attached to and enjoys flying to many places. Being a dutiful Grandfather, I, of course, said, "Yeah. No worries." Little did I realise.

Having unwrapped myself from around her little finger and looking closer at the images, I realised the "bump" on the front was strange and unorthodox. Fortunately, with the appropriate knowledge, Sean, her father, could procure some very accurate plans, so hopefully, no more "flying by the seat of my pants".

So, what are your plans for Christmas?

Many people have trouble accepting the plans of a loving God for a time we now call Christmas. I mean, would you or I plan for a young woman to carry in her womb the Son of God? Who would ever choose a village carpenter to be the man to act as a father to one whose actual father is the God of all?

This same God, whose plans are always motivated by love, knew that the only way a broken relationship between people and Himself was His Son would have to pay the price of death on a cross. Why think about this death at this time of the year? Unless we can accept, Christmas is the birth of the Son of the God of love. Easter, the death of the Son of God, motivated by a passion for you, the real meaning of Christmas cannot make sense. Failing to acknowledge Christmas, Easter, and Jesus coming alive again to demonstrate God's whole plan would be like trying to build a Spartan without plans; it would never fly.

The strange shape of the "bump" on the front of the Spartan was not the only thing I had to come to terms with, but it all started with accepting there was a plan, and when the plan is followed, it does fly. Not our wooden model of course, but the real one does.

So, this Christmas, think and talk to God about his plan and how he has a place for you and your life. Ask Him to help you understand His plan for you.

He tells us in His book the Bible in **Isaiah 40:31**, "Those who wait for the LORD (trust the Lord) will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary". Give it a try; you could have a Christmas like never before.

Kevin