

Christmas 2022

What does Christmas mean to you? Has your attitude towards the Christmas season changed over time? To me, Christmas is about giving. The Bible says nothing about celebrating Christ's birth. Human leaders created this holiday. Some have led us during Christmastime as a time to worship to the King while others have led us towards a celebration of human desires. Still, others have tried to combine both traditions.

My opinion: Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Christ because it puts our focus on what really matters. Jesus, family and friends are what really matters. Jesus was not a man who grew up to become God. He was God from the very beginning in the manger. He was God who walked among us as a man. Genesis 3:15 was the first verse of Christmas.

[Gen 3:15 NKJV] 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Sometimes we get presents that take our breath away. Remember that gift? The one that you were not expecting but the one you wanted?

[Isa 9:6 KJV] 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Consider this thought from Adrian Rogers: Do you stand in awe of the Lord Jesus Christ? Or have you become oblivious to Him? Do you get excited when you think of Jesus? If you don't, you've lost the wonder. You have calluses on your soul. Jesus is wonderful. Wonderful in His birth. Wonderful in His life, in His death, in His resurrection, and in His second coming. His name is wonderful.

Scripture tells us this baby will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.

Greg Laurie said "We might lose sight of God during Christmastime but He never loses sight of us. He takes in every word we say because he is very interested in what we have to say.

Adrian Rogers said, The wisest thing you can do at Christmastime, or any time, is to worship Jesus. That is the bottom of all bottom lines. The wisest thing anybody could ever do is simply worship the Lord Jesus Christ. There are a lot of people who want the joys of Christmas without the worship of Jesus.

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Impossible! You may have a giddy time, but you're never going to know the joys of Christmas until you learn to worship the Lord Jesus Christ. ... If He's worth anything, He's worth everything. The word worship means "worth-ship." What is Jesus worth to you?

[Luk 2:1-20 NLT] 1 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. 2 (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. 4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. 5 He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. 7 She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. 8 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. 9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Savior--yes, the Messiah, the Lord--has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! 12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others--the armies of heaven--praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." 15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. 17 After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. 18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, 19 but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. 20 The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.