



Christmas:
what is the real reason for the season?

Today, people around the world observe this season for various reasons. But the real reason for the season seems to have been forgotten – or unknown – by many. So what is Christmas really all about?

Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus some 2,000 years ago. An angel from God told the virgin Mary in ...

Luke 1:31 [KJV] "... behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."

The meaning of that name is stated in ...

Matthew 1:21 [KJV] "... thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

So we celebrate this Christmas season because it reminds us that God sent a Saviour into the world who would pay the price for the greatest gift of all – our eternal salvation!

You see, everyone has sinned and is in need of a Saviour. The Bible says ...

Romans 3:23 [KJV] "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

That simply means that all men have broken God's commandments by lying, stealing, cheating, lusting, *etc.* – and the Bible clearly states ...

Romans 6:23 [KJV] "For the wages of sin is death ..."

That is not just physical death, but it is a spiritual death that forever separates us from God's presence and condemns us to a place called Hell. But that is NOT God's desire for any man – therefore ...

John 3:16 [KJV] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

So Jesus Christ, the holy Son of God, came to this earth – took the penalty of our sins upon Himself – and died in our place on the cross of Calvary so that we might be saved. And because of the payment that He made on our behalf, the Bible declares in ...

Ephesians 2:8-9 [KJV] “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift of God**: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

That is the greatest gift of all – to be saved from the penalty of our sins! But how do we receive this wonderful gift?

Romans 10:9 [KJV] “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Will you receive God's gift?

You can do that right now by sincerely praying from your heart the following prayer ...

“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. But I truly believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sin, and that He arose again on the third day. Right now, I ask Him to come into my heart – to take away my sin and give me the gift of salvation. I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.”

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