

JESUS...CHRISTMAS...WHY??

Why Christmas...why did Jesus come to earth?

“...and you know that HE appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.” **1**

John 3:5 Weymouth NT

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” **John 1:29 NASB**

³⁰I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; ³¹but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here. **John 14:30-31 NASB**

¹⁸knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ. ²⁰For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you ²¹who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. **1 Peter 1:18-21 NASB**

“...the reason the Son of God was made manifest, visible was to undo, destroy, loosen and dissolve the work of the devil.” **1 John 3:8b AMPC**

²³Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. ²⁴The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. ²⁵Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and *the* Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan. **Matthew 4:23-25 NASB**

³⁸*You know of* Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. ⁴⁰God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, ⁴¹not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. ⁴²And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.” **Acts 10:38-43 NASB**

¹⁷Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. **2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NASB**

For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in *and* through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness]. **2 Corinthians 5:21 AMPC**

- John tells us two times (**1 John 3:5&8**) that Christmas happened, Jesus came in a human body, to take away our sins and destroy the work of the enemy. What a gift!

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. **John 3:16 NASB**

- God gives us His love because God IS love.
 - He IS a giver and a FORgiver.
 - He SO loved the world that He GAVE...
 - This is not a statement of the quantity of His love...
 - It is a statement of how He gave, His way of giving...His way of loving us.
 - He gave knowing that His Son would have to die and enter hell for us to redeem us and set us free.
 - Totally selfless, totally generous, and totally powerful; that’s the love of God and the reason for Christmas.

Merry Christmas