

The Meaning of Christmas

Unto you is born... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord
(Luke 2:11)

Christmas, the Feast of Christ, is a celebration. It is an event marked by traditions, by food and drink, and, for some, by attending special church services. What are we celebrating? Have we understood what Christmas is? There would be no Christmas if it were not for the birth of the incarnate Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. To try and separate Christmas from the Christian faith is impossible. The feast of Christ is the celebration of His birth.

Jesus, we are told in the Bible, would 'save His people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21). His name means 'God is Saviour', a name which speaks of mercy, grace, help and deliverance for a lost world. Jesus saved His people because He is Almighty God. He saves through His death on the cross, the occasion when He paid the price of sin. All who believe in Jesus Christ are accounted forgiven for the sake of His death. Celebrating Christmas allows us to remember this wonderful benefit of the forgiveness of sins through that Child who was born.

When we confess our need of the Saviour, because we admit our guilt before God of breaking His holy laws, and ask Him to forgive us all our sins for Jesus' sake, then we have something to celebrate. Do you have something to celebrate? Christmas is, to many, all about gifts. Do not miss out on the most wonderful gift of all, the good news of God's undeserved gift of salvation – eternal life freely given to those who, confessing their sin, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Come to the only true Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord, and be freely saved.



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Sunday service: 11am Morning Prayer (BCP)
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Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.
(Heb. 13:8)

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Wishing you peace at Christmas and a happy new year.