



THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

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Why Did Jesus Come To Earth?

1. To erase the misconceptions ABOUT GOD.

Jesus: "This is why I was born and came into the world: **to tell people the truth.**" John 18:37 (NCV)

"No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is truly God... has **shown us what God is like.**" John 1:18 (CEV)

"Jesus is the light **to reveal God** to the nations." Luke. 2:32 (NLT)

"Anyone who has seen Me has seen [Abba] the Father." John 14:9 (NIV)

2. To express the LOVE OF GOD.

"God **so loved** the world that He gave His only Son..." John 3:16 (NLT)

Not only is Jesus the reason for the season, YOU ARE the reason for the season!

"**This is how God showed ... love to us:** [God] sent his one and only Son into the world so that we could have life through him. This is what **real love** is: ... it is God's love for us in sending his Son to be the way to take away our sins." 1 John 4:9-10 (NCV)

"May you be able to **feel and understand**... how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is; and **to experience this love for yourselves.**" Ephesians 3:18-19 (LB)

God's love is:

Long enough TO LAST FOREVER

Wide enough TO BE EVERYWHERE

Deep enough TO HANDLE YOUR HURTS

High enough TO OVERLOOK YOUR MISTAKES

3. To enable a RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

"[God's] unchanging plan has always been to **adopt us into [God's] own family** by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

"So now we can rejoice in our **wonderful new relationship with God**—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in **making us friends of God.**" Romans 5:11 (NLT)

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

"You are all children of God **through faith in Christ Jesus.**" Galatians 3:26 (NLT)