

Christmastime Is Here!

"But when the right time came, the time God decided on, He sent his Son Jesus, born of a woman...to buy freedom for us...and so that He could adopt us as his very own sons and daughters." Gal. 4:4-5

"Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses." Ecclesiastes 3:1 (TEV)

I. Introduction

II. Understanding the Timing of God In Light of Christmas

Christmas is...

1. Christmas is God's time for me to _____.

"An angel appeared to the shepherds and they were terrified. But the angel said, 'Do not be afraid!'"

Luke 2:10

"...Jesus said to the people, "I am the Light of the world. So if you follow Me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness of this world, for living light will flood your path." John 8:12 (TLB)

"He who fears something gives it power over him."---anonymous

2. Christmas is God's time for me to _____.

"...the angel...said, "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!"

Luke 2:10-11 (TLB)

"(Jesus said) The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. But I have come in order that you might have LIFE—life in all its fullness." John 10:10

"He who doesn't keep faith with God won't keep it with men."---anonymous

"A person consists of his faith. Whatever is his faith, even so is he."---anonymous

3. Christmas is God's time for me to _____.

"...the angel...said, 'For today, in the town of David a Savior has been born for you; He is Christ the Lord!'" Luke 2:11

"For God loved the world so much that he gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him." John 3:16-17 (NLT)

"It is fitting for a great God to forgive great sinners."---Hebrew Proverb

"God forgives sinners; otherwise His heaven would be empty---German Proverb

4. Christmas is God's time for me to _____.

"...the angel...said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Luke 2:14 (NKJV)

"True friends always show their love. What are brothers for if not to share troubles?"

Proverbs 17:17

"A sweet friendship refreshes the soul." Proverbs 27:9

"But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other..." I John 1:7 (TLB)

"In response to all Christ has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good." Hebrews 10:24 (TLB)

"Never let grass grow on the path of friendship."---anonymous

"Hold tightly to a true friend and don't let go, for a true friend comes but once in a lifetime!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

ANSWER KEY:

1. RELEASE MY FEARS

2. RENEW MY FAITH

3. RECEIVE MY FORGIVENESS

4. VALUE AND NURTURE MY RELATIONSHIPS