

Christmas



What's the big deal?

Christmas is on the calendar again this year.

So, what does that mean to you?

A day off from work. Christmas cards and gifts. Christmas carols and pageants.

Fruit cake and eggnog. Christmas trees and tinsel. The list goes on...

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What's the big deal about Christmas?

Let me answer that question.

To do so I need to go back in history.

Way back. Way, way, way back. Back to what the Bible calls the beginning.

Back then there was God. Only God. Nothing else.

Then, God began to create.

He created the heaven and the earth and everything on the earth. That's the beginning of everything we know about today.

Finally, God made man—Adam, and his mate, Eve, the foundation of the human race.

God put Adam and Eve in a garden that provided everything they needed,

The special thing about the Garden was that God met there with Adam and Eve,

just as good friends do.

We do not know how long that relationship lasted, but one day Adam and Eve decided to dishonor God by disobeying the one restriction that He had placed upon them.

They ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil which God had forbidden.

At that very moment, as God had warned them, Adam and Eve died spiritually. As a consequence, they were no longer friends with God.

He drove them from the Garden and never walked with them again.

Unfortunately for us, the entire human race came under the curse that God placed on Adam and Eve.

However, at the time God ejected

Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, He promised them that He would provide someone who could take them out from under the curse of their sin.

That promise was fulfilled a little over two thousand years ago.

It happened in a very unusual way.

God sent an angel to visit a young virgin to give her some astonishing news.

“The Holy Ghost will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you: so that holy thing which will be born of you will be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)

At the same time an angel communitated with Joseph, Mary's espoused husband, and said, “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife for what is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. She will give birth to a son, and you will call Him Jesus: for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:20-21)

BUT, as you know, Jesus is no longer with us.

People could walk and talk with Jesus as a friend, just as Adam and Eve communitated with God in the Garden of Eden.

In Jesus, God was with us. Not just a miracle worker, not just a good example, not just a perceptive teacher. He was God...

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That's why Christmas is such a big deal.

Through Jesus' birth, God is once again with us, and through Jesus' death we can be with Him in Heaven.

The Bible tells us that if we are willing to accept Jesus' payment for our sin, God is willing to forgive us and restore our relationship with Him.

God is able to forgive us.

Through His death on the cross, Jesus paid the penalty for our sin. As a result, He was able to do something that only a perfect person could do.

Any wonder that He was rejected?

expected of Him. He was perfect.

“If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

(Romans 10:9)

To ignore Jesus is to reject Him.

Will you right now recognize that you are a sinner in need of Jesus? Will you ask Him to save you by forgiving your sin?

Unfortunatly, being reconciled to God is not an automatic process. We have to get involved in the process. We have to make a decision.

Now, we have one intercessor, the God-man, Jesus Christ who is in Heaven interceding on our behalf.

God for mankind.