

Christmas Is Jesus (He Came for Me)

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Christmas is a time of redemption, as Jesus Christ came to save men from sin.

Scripture: Luke 2:10-11, John 3:16, Philippians 2:7, 1 Peter 2:24

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Description

Colin Peckham delivers a powerful sermon on the significance of Christmas, portraying God's immense sacrifice in giving His Son, Jesus, out of consuming love for humanity. Christmas symbolizes intense humiliation for Christ as He willingly took on human form to fulfill God's plan of Redemption, bringing irrepressible joy to the hosts of heaven. For the world, Christmas signifies redemption through the birth of a Savior, Jesus Christ, who came to save humanity from sin by bearing its weight on the Cross. This message presents a solemn challenge to individuals to accept Christ as their Savior, experience forgiveness, and embrace the joy of salvation.

Transcript

'Lo I come... To do Thy will, O God.'

To God Christmas meant an enormous sacrifice. He gave His Son! All heaven must have wondered at the incomprehensible and unfathomable depths of a love which would go to such lengths. The Lord of glory took the form of a helpless baby. God did not need to do this. He is complete in Himself. He does not need the fellowship of created beings, but His love was so consuming that He could do nothing else but save corrupt humanity. 'For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son.'

To Christ Christmas meant intense humiliation, for He 'made Himself of no reputation. and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.' After being worshipped down the ages He was contracted to the confines of a human body and rejected even at His birth by the very people whom He created and for whom He was soon to die. And yet in the intense pain or the sacrifice and humiliation, there was vibrant joy. Joy because God's great plan of Redemption was being put into operation. The shadows and types or the Old Testament were yielding to the Substance and Reality of Christ Himself. Man was about to be redeemed.

To the hosts of heaven. Christmas meant irrepressible joy. Said the angel to the shepherds, 'I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.' Joy in heaven, joy to earth, joy in that the long awaited salvation of man was being accomplished.

To the world Christmas means Redemption, 'for unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.' Bethlehem has no meaning without Calvary. He was born to die. The enormous weight and ghastly concentration of the sin of the world would in a few brief years rest upon Him on the Cross. The awful separation from His Father awaited Him. 'My God, My God why hast Thou forsaken Me?' would soon be wrenched from His dying lips. But this would result in redemption! A Saviour is born! A Saviour from sin! It was sin which He took upon the Cross. It was sin with which God was dealing at Calvary. This then is the purpose of Christ's coming -- to save men from sin!

To the individual then this brings a solemn challenge. Has His coming been effective to me or has He died in vain? The purpose for which He died was to save me from sin. Am I saved from Sin? Have I seen Him as the One Who took all the evil of my soul and bore the punishment of death for me -- and gratefully, humbly, accepted Him as my Saviour? What a change will be wrought in my soul as I dare to trust Him to forgive and to save me! Why? The joy which the angels heralded to the shepherds will be mine. Forgiven! What a word! Joy will well up in my soul and will ring through the courts of heaven as well.

God offers His great salvation to you at this Christmas season, to you as you read these very words. Will you not now receive this Saviour of the world as your Saviour too?

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