



Sermon Series: Christmas
Sermon Title: Celebrating God's Priceless Gift
Scripture: John 1:1-18
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INTRODUCTION

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear." (Matthew 11:15)

I. REASONS TO CELEBRATE CHRIST

1) The Baby born in Bethlehem was/is, in fact, God!

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel' (which means, God with us)." (Matthew 1:22)

2) The Baby born in Bethlehem was/is the perfect, the ultimate communication from God to mankind!

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power." (Hebrews 1:1-3a)

"In the beginning was the Word..." (John 1:1a)

"For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known." (John 1:16-18)

3) The baby born in Bethlehem was/is the Life-Giving Light that draws us to Himself!

“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5)

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

“...the darkness has not overcome it [the Light].” (John 1:5)

4) The baby born in Bethlehem was/is truly good while we were not; we were lost and dead in self-centered sin and misery.

“He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.” (John 1:10-11)

“But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” (John 1:12-13)

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:30-31)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” (John 3:17-18)

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29)