

Christmas 2025

What is the true meaning of Christmas?

Isaiah 9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

- Israel – waiting for the Messiah is described as walking in darkness. Dwelling in a land of the shadow of death.
- This is also how we are described before Jesus:

Galatians 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

The truth is – we are born into a world of sin. We are in bondage to the things of this world.

Why is there hate, murder, acts of violence, sickness, and death?

- Because the world is under a curse.
- This is the land of the shadow of death
- And while we may not be the ones committing heinous acts, we are still subject to the same curse.

But there is hope. Back to Isaiah 9

Isaiah 9:3-4 You have multiplied the nation *And* increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, *As men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian.

- What would cause people who are in the land of the shadow of death to begin to rejoice?
- A deliverer. One that can destroy the oppressor.
- And this is who Jesus is.

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace There *will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

- Jesus came. And He shall be called Mighty God.
- God in the flesh. Here on earth. To deliver us.

Galatians 4:4-7 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

- **When the fullness of time had come** – There was a precise, planned moment that God had prepared beforehand when He would come to the earth as a human.
- **God sent forth His Son, born of a woman** – God came as a human. As a baby. To experience this life from birth to death. To live as us.
- **Born under the law** – Jesus did not live above us in some holy bubble. He too was born under the law. Under the curse. In a sinful world. Tempted in every way. He left righteousness to live in the unholy. He lived in the darkness. But He was light in that darkness.
- **To Redeem those under the law** – Jesus came for this reason – to redeem mankind. To break the curse. To free us from the bondage of this world. To rescue us from darkness.
- **That we might receive adoption as sons** – So that we could be children of God.

We did the Identity series so that we can understand to some degree the fullness of our redemption. Our adoption. Our position in the family of God.

The Christmas message:

- It's not peace on earth, though that is a part of it.
- It's not goodwill towards man – though that is part of it. BTW – Goodwill towards man is not towards each other, it's God having good will towards us.

The real meaning of Christmas is family. But not like what they say in the Christmas movies and TV specials.

The real meaning of Christmas is the Gospel:

We were slaves. In bondage to this world. Slaves to sin. Born under a curse in a world full of darkness.

But there is light. There is hope. God loved us so much that He became one of us and lived here with us.

He then took the penalty of the curse on Himself. Paid for our sins. And delivered us from death and sin and darkness.

He did this to transfer us from the kingdom of darkness into His Kingdom of light, And He did this by adopting us as His own children. So that we may be a part of the family of God.

Christmas is about family. The family of God. And Jesus came to make a way for us to become part of His family.

Christmas reminds us that God wants us to be in His family so much, that He sent His Son, Jesus, to come to us to make that possible.