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# MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

## The Purpose of Christmas

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[ **TITLE SLIDE:** ] Now that we know the PERSON of Christmas...

We want to understand the PURPOSE of Christmas

██████████: Man who's friend was a alcoholic.... at bar  
Glass of water & booze.... Placed worm on both - "Tom do you get point?"

██████████ "I'm convinced if you drink lot of alcohol you won't have worms"

- Tom saw the event, but he missed the point!

## PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas... ever body sees event... not all get the Point

They miss what Christmas is all about

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### People look forward to Christmas

- Get off Work / Bonuses / Party / Friends / Gifts
- Christmas lights / Shopping / The Sales

**That has become the PURPOSE for so many!!**

.....Christmas has become Sanitized

**That FIRST Christmas nothing like today's...**

- Jew were oppressed / Taxation / Racial strife everywhere

1st Christmas WAS NOT pretty like today

- In fact it was **UGLY TIME** / Babies killed BECAUSE of Christmas

Reason is... CHRISTMAS EXIST Because of one major reason.....

[ Matthew 1.21-23 NKJV ]

*And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

## CHRISTMAS EXIST BECAUSE SIN EXIST

Christmas Does NOT exist because God wanted fun Holiday

God wanted to deal PERMANENTLY with the problem of every human.... **SIN**

Clear your mind viewing Christmas as bright and beautiful occasion

- It exist because of SCAR on soul of humanity
- People don't want to talk about it..
- There is no Christmas **IF** there is no sin... because there's no need for a Savior

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## **Sin entered world when Disobedience entered world**

- When Adam rebelled he brought in SIN  
That REQUIRED a need for a Deliverer or a Savior

Jesus' name means.... SAVIOR

*you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

- When sin entered world... DEVOLUTION occurred  
Prior to sin: People didn't die / No pain / No Chaos  
All this exists because of SIN

- Jesus came to earth to deal with sin.....  
SO THAT we can have life as it was meant to be

**Since Jesus came to deal with sin....**

We need to understand sin better to know why we need a Savior / Christmas

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## **God is Perfect!!! In every way perfect**

Totally set apart from SIN... cannot cohabit with sin

**But Sin means we are IMPERFECT**

- Sin means to miss the mark / Fall short of His perfection
- God cannot lower His standard just because He loves us
- He will not compromise His Character.....

Anything that falls short of His standard becomes SIN

**When Adam sinned... SIN passed on to whole Human Race**(football)

- The proof is You and I ALSO SIN.... Fall short of God glorious standard

- You may be **BETTER** than person next to you....

**BUT...** unless you are as good as GOD, you're a sinner

*(See who can swim from East to Europe....*

*You may swim farther but we are all going to fall short*)

- Because Distance is too great...
- **The distance between Sinful man and PERFECT God....**  
is too great to get there alone

**God came up with way to cover the distance between You and Him**  
...and He did it Himself

[ 2 Corinthians 5.21 NKJV ]

*For He made **Him** who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Jesus never sinned

## **How Does This Salvation Work? CREDIT SCORE....**

God demands perfection..... We're Imperfect

God became a man (Jesus) and Took ON SIN of whole World

- Sin was CREDITED to Him
- And the Consequences were CREDITED to Him
- **God CREDITS BACK** Righteousness of Jesus to US.....  
who come to Jesus for Salvation.... His name

- How great is Jesus' Righteousness?? ..... **He knew NO SIN - PERFECTION!**

**Reason You & I get to go to Heaven...**

**We have perfect Credit Score**

- **Jesus came to Provide us that PERFECT CREDIT SCORE**

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## **Everything in Old Testament anticipated the coming of Jesus!**

- The sacrifices in the Old Testament were a **LAW AWAY PLAN**
  - They delayed God's judgment against sin.... **Temporarily**
  - Why it had to be repeated over & over

[ Hebrews 10.1-10 NLT ]

*1 The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. 2 If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the*

worshippers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared.

3 But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. 4 For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God,

“You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer.

6 You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin.

7 Then I said, ‘Look, I have come to do your will, O God— as is written about me in the Scriptures.’”

8 First, Christ said, “You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them” (though they are required by the law of Moses).

9 Then he said, “Look, I have come to do your will.” He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. 10 For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

.....Jesus became the FINAL PERFECT SACRIFICE for world’s sin

## **CLOSING:**

### **We get a Picture of this - that FIRST CHRISTMAS**

Angel spoke to the Shepherds in the field

[ Luke 2.11-12 NKJV ]

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

### **Why was Jesus laid in a MANGER??**

Jesus was born in a cave used for the birthing of sacrificial lambs.

These lambs were destined to become Passover lambs

One of shepherd’s tasks was to make certain that none of these lambs were blemished while being birthed

These lambs were immediately wrapped in "swaddling cloths" after their births

- The sign ... You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

### **When Jesus was born... He was wrapped in Swaddling Clothes**

Jesus became our SIN SACRIFICE.... the perfect Lamb of God

- This baby was born to DIE..... **to be the sacrifice of SIN**

John Baptist said when he saw Jesus....?

[ John 1.29 NKJV ]

...John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- Isaiah 53.7 - (700 years) .....He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
- 1 Peter 1.18-19 - God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.
- Revelation 21 - Speaks of the Lamb's Book of Life
- Revelation 5.12 - ...saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

## When we talk about Christmas....We must also talk about SIN

No CHRISTMAS without SIN

- Won't be FUN at parties....  
But it is only reason Christmas exist

- If you want to party... Party because:

You have a **BILL** someone else has paid

You have a **ETERNAL LIFE**, because of sacrifice of this baby

- **Christmas is time you and I are to be witnesses**

Why Jesus came..... to be your SAVIOR!

[ TITLE SLIDE ]

**CHRISTMAS** is about something BAD & EVIL.....

in my life and Yours, that needed to be dealt with..... JESUS DID!

CLOSE

Quote: J.C. Ryle

The name Jesus means "Savior."

It is given to our Lord because "He saves His people from their sins." This is His special role. He saves them from the guilt of sin, by cleansing them in His own atoning blood. He saves them from the dominion of sin by putting in their hearts the sanctifying Spirit. He saves them from the presence of sin, when He takes them out of this world to rest with Him. He will save them from all the consequences of sin, when He shall give them a glorious body at the last day.