

The Meaning of Christmas
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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

What is the Meaning of Christmas?

1. God is With Us and God is For Us.

The Angel said...“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”
Luke 2:11-14 (NIV)

2. God is inviting A Response.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” Luke 2:15 (NIV)

3. God is offering Unparalleled Joy.

Mary responded, “Oh, how I praise the Lord. How I rejoice in God my Savior!”
Luke 1:46-47 (TLB)

The angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”
Luke 2:10 (NIV)

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. Luke 2:17-19 (NIV)