

What is Christmas?

<u>Text:</u> Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:1-14

Introduction: As we think about Christmas this coming week and of its wonder and splendor such as the lights, the carols, the decorations, the food, time with family and then a course the gifts. Christmas is hard work and expensive! We celebrate Christmas because it is tradition and part of our culture.

It is so easy to get caught in all the glamour and excitement of this time of year. But let us not forget the real reason for Christmas – "It was God giving the perfect gift of salvation to mankind who did not deserve it, but because He loved us"! – John 3;16

So let's look at what Christmas is really about.

Lesson:

1. It means that prophecy was fulfilled

- a. Prophecy fulfilled concerning the place of birth Micah 5;2, Luke 2:4
- b. Prophecy fulfilled concerning the means of birth Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23
- c. Prophecy fulfilled concerning the lineage Genesis 22:18; Matthew 1:1

2. It means that an heir was born to Israel's throne

- a. God promised an heir to Israel throne Isaiah 9:6,7
- b. God will give Jesus Israel's throne Luke 1:32
- c. God will give Him an eternal throne Luke 1:33

3. It means Joy was come to the world

- a. The angels rejoiced at His coming Luke 2:13,14
- b. The shepherds rejoiced at His coming Luke 2:20
- c. The prophet Simeon rejoiced at His Coming Luke 2:28-32

4. <u>It means a Savior was provided</u>

- a. He came to save us from sin Matthew 1:21; Hebrews 7:25
- b. He came to ransom us Mark 10:45
- c. He came to be sin for us II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:28
- d. He came to seek and to save the lost Luke 19:10



5. It means satan would be defeated

- a. Christ was prophesied to conqueror satan Genesis 3:15 Hebrews 2:14
- b. Christ was manifested to destroy satan's works I John 3:8

6. <u>It means Peace can enter our hearts</u>

- a. He came to bring Peace Luke 2:14
- b. He made Peace at Calvary Colossians 1:20,21
- c. He is our Eternal Peace Isaiah 9:7; Ephesians 2:14

7. It means a way to Heaven

- a. A way is made by God's Love John 3:16
- b. A way is made by Christ's death Galatians 1:3-5; I Corinthians 15:1-4
- c. A way is promised by Christ John 14:6

Conclusion:

So what does Christmas mean to you?