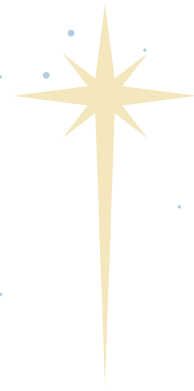


God's Christmas Plan



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son."

The birth of Jesus, the Christ was prophesied in the Old Testament. It is the fulfillment of this prophecy that brings us together to celebrate Christmas. That wondrous birth of God's only begotten son!

It was God's plan as explained in John 3:16, part of what I just quoted. The love that God has for this world, for each of us, for you, is so great that he was willing to sacrifice his only son for you, for me, for all people in this world.

Think about that for a moment.

Consider the enormity of that kind of love because we know that God loved his son. Just as you love your children, your parents love you and you love your parents. For us, it's impossible to comprehend the greatness of God's love for us. His love was so deep that he willingly sacrificed his son for the souls of all humanity, for the sake of your soul.

During Christmas, when we consider the birth of Christ, it isn't just a celebration of him being born as the son of God, although that within itself is an amazing event! But Christmas is also the celebration for the birth of redemption for all human souls.

Jesus was born for this reason and this reason alone. His birth means as the rest of that Bible verse states, "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Each of you were given the keys to heaven on the day Jesus was born. If you believe Jesus the Christ child was the only begotten son of God and the only reason he was born into this world was to take away your sins, then you are given the ultimate Christmas gift - life eternal.

So, on Christmas Day we rejoice in the amazing birth of the son of God, and we also rejoice in our salvation knowing that through his birth and sacrifice we will join him and God in heaven for all eternity.

