

What is the message of Christmas?

I believe if the message of Christmas is not clear to us then it's application will also not be clear. This morning my goal is to clearly understand the message of Christmas from the Christmas story. Our text this morning is:

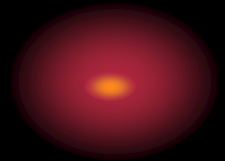
- Luke 1:26-38
- Matt. 1:21 & 2:1-6
- Daniel 9:24
- Micah 5:2
- 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Introduction



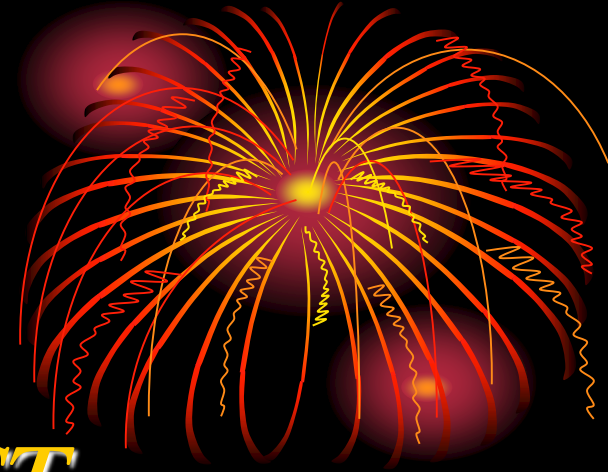
- *Illustration:* A young man who found a stone in the diamond field but did not know what it was.
- This is how many Christians are, they celebrate Christmas year after year but do not understand the meaning of Christmas. When the Angel Gabriel came to Mary and spoke to her, I believe she knew that this was no ordinary message. That is why Luke writes *she treasured all these things in her heart and pondered on this* (Luke. 3:51). Let us look and understand the message of Christmas in the Christmas story.

1. The Christmas message: Jesus is the Savior (Salvation)



- Jesus Christ is the savior of the world (Matt.1:21; John 3:16; Matt.20:28; Titus 3:11-15).
- Jesus Christ came in this world to deliver us from the penalty, power, and presence of sin.

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A. Salvation took care of our PAST.

- The penalty for sin is death.
- This death is spiritual, physical, & eternal.
- Jesus Christ paid the price on the cross.
(Matt.20:28, Col 1:13;2:13-15.)

If you have trusted Jesus Christ then the
penalty of you sins have been paid.

Salvation Cont.



B. Salvation means that now you have *power over sin*. Your *present* is secure with the power of the ***HOLY SPIRIT*** (Roman 6, Titus 2:12).

We can live a holy life with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Illustration: Saint Augustine

Salvation Cont.



C. Salvation means that you are glorified and you have the hope to be in the presence of God.

- The presence of sin will be gone and we will be like *Him*. (1 John 3:2-3). This is our blessed hope.

The Christmas message is that Jesus was born as the Savior of the world. The salvation which he has bought us with his blood has taken care of our *PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE*.

WHAT A SAVIOR!

2. The message of Christmas: Jesus is the King



The angel gave the message to Mary that the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David (Luke 1:32).

The wise men from the East came to worship the King (Matthew Ch. 2).

It was prophesized in the Old Testament that Christ will rule over the throne of David (2 Sam.7:12-16 and Micah 5:2).

Kingship



The message of Christmas for us is that we need to live a life under the kingship of Jesus Christ.

It means to surrender the control of our life to him and let him rule every area of life.

Illustration: Man with the donkey (Luke 19:28-31)

Kingship continued



When we are under his kingdom we have
His power, protection, provisions, &
promises.

WHAT A KING!

3. The message of Christmas: We
have favor with God



A. The Grace of God is with us (John 1:14-18, 2 Cor. 12:7-11).

B. The God of grace himself is with us. Emmanuel which means God with us (Luke 1:28, Matt. 1:23)

God & Grace Continued



We are saved by the Grace of God,
We are sustained by the Grace of God
We are maintained by the Grace of God
We are retained on this earth by the Grace of God.

WHAT A GRACE!

WHAT A GOD!

4. The Message of Christmas: All things are possible with God.



Mary was confused & Joseph was perplexed about how this was going to happen. There was no virgin who had ever been with child before. This was impossible. The angel Gabriel said “for nothing is impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37)

Impossible continued



The greatest miracle is the miracle of the virgin birth.

It is an important doctrine of Christian faith & it cannot be compromised. I believe second greatest miracle is when a sinner is saved from his/her sins and Jesus is born in some one's life.

Impossible Continued..



The message of Christmas is that
God is the *God of Miracles*. He can
do miracles in your life.

Are you waiting for one? *He bring
him / her in your life.*

5. The message of Christmas: Do not be fearful



Mary and Joseph were afraid.

- They were uncertain of their future
- They had the fear of unknown and probably afraid of the society.

The angel Gabriel told them not to be afraid. (Luke 1:30, Matt.1:20)

Fear continued



- A. When we trust God, our fear goes away. Faith always proceeds fear. Mary and Joseph trusted God.
- B. When we recognize the sovereignty of God in our life, fear goes away. Mary and Joseph knew whatever God would do was best for them. (Roman 8:28)
- C. When we look and learn from the lives of other believers, fear goes away. Mary spent time with Elizabeth.

Fear Continued



The message of Christmas is that we should not be fearful because God is with us.

- His Grace is sufficient.
- We should trust him.
- Submit to him and learn from the example of other believers.

Illustration:

Are you afraid? Don't be.

**TRUST GOD, SUBMIT TO HIM, & LEARN
FROM OTHERS BELIEVERS**

“Surely I am with you always to the very end of the age”. - Jesus

What a promise!

Conclusion



The message of Christmas for us is that:

1. Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Therefore trust Him.
2. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Therefore, submit to his authority.
3. The grace of God & God of all Grace is with us. Therefore, thank him.
4. Everything is possible with God. Therefore, do not give up.
5. We should not be afraid. Therefore, don't be afraid.