

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

How do you celebrate Christmas?

Many things can compete in our hearts and minds for our attention during the Christmas season.

But, of course, Christmas is about Jesus.

Celebrations are biblical.

In the old testament the people of Israel were commanded to celebrate.

Many of those celebrations lasted for several days, some even weeks.

To properly celebrate Christmas, we need to answer three questions:

1. Who should we celebrate? – Jesus.
2. Why should we celebrate? – Because of what Jesus has done for us.
3. How should we celebrate? – By praising Him from our hearts, being glad. By sharing with others. By rejoicing in our salvation.
4. Did you know that God loves you? – He celebrates you, he rejoices over you.

Jesus was the son of God before He was the son of man.

Jesus is called Immanuel, which means God with us.

God's desire from the very beginning was to be with us.

If we go through the Christmas season without spending time with Him, then we have missed it.

We need to spend time with Him everyday.

Don't let your time with Him slide with all the busyness of the holidays.

Jesus came to redeem us.

Redeem means to gain possession by paying a price.

The Israelites were commanded to celebrate a number of different holidays or feasts.

Examples include; the feast of unleavened bread, the feast of booths, the feast of first fruits, and the feast of weeks.

The Israelites did not understand back then, that they were actually celebrating Jesus and what he would do for us.

At Christmas time we are celebrating our provision, our atonement, our deliverance.

We're not just celebrating a baby in a manger, the baby grew up into the man.

If you want find the life that God wants you to have, you have to find it in Jesus.

God wants us to be in His family.

It's a great feeling to be part of a family.

God loves you enough to sing over you, to rejoice over you.

You cannot love until you first know His love for you.

We celebrate God with us.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Isaiah 7:14

Romans 7:25

Luke 10:20

Galatians 4:4-5

1 John 5:11

Zephaniah 3:17

Genesis 3:15

Psalm 9:2

1 John 4:19

Isaiah 53:5-6

Psalm 9:14

1 John 2:2

Psalm 35:9