

Merry

Christmas

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Happy

New Year!

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## The True Grinch

Seemingly everyone loves Christmas, the lights, the trees, the songs, the presents, and the joy on the faces of the children. It is a joyous season because it is a celebration of the day when hope was born into a fallen world. The birth of Jesus was a miraculous event, a young girl, a virgin, gave birth to a boy just as the prophets had said she would. The birth of Jesus was not a glorious day for everyone because the grinch did not want Jesus to be born.

**Mathew 2:18** In Rama (Bethlehem) was there a voice heard, lamentation and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and would not be comforted, because they are no more.

When Jesus was born, the grinch convinced King Herod that a king was born who would take his throne away from him. So, Herod ordered the death of every male child under the age of two. The grinch is the devil and his answer for every problem is murder, he killed all the prophets that foretold the coming of the Messiah. I cannot imagine how full of sorrow those young mothers and fathers were, as they watched the soldiers kill

their babies. Why couldn't God do something about it? He could not because He gave dominion to men. He could protect Jesus because He was obligated to the prophecies that the prophets spoke concerning His life. So, what did God do for all those babies the grinch ordered to be slaughtered?

**Hebrews 12:9** How much more should we submit to the Father of Spirits and live.

When all of those babies died at the hand of the grinch, they immediately returned to their Father. God is the Father, the Creator of all spirits. Men and women conceive babies but it is God who gives them life, perhaps this is why it is called the **miracle of birth**. All those babies returned to heaven but not even that could comfort all those mothers. The prophets foretold what would happen to them and to Jesus, He too would die a terrible death but it would be on His terms and

His time.

**John 10:10** The grinch is only here to steal, kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

Do you know why life is so glorious and precious? Because it began with death! Jesus, the Son of God, had to offer Himself in order to make life available to all men. The United States is the most prosperous and free nation in the world, but how many had to die in order to secure our freedom. The grinch is determined to kill and God is determined to save, we can have which ever we want. Jesus gave us a Merry Christmas, we must not let the grinch steal it away from us. The grinch thinks death is the last word in his evil repertoire. The fool is sending these spirits to heaven and one day all those spirits will return and watch him be imprisoned for all eternity.



# How to Have A Merry Christmas

*If you will think of Jesus, He will get you thinking of those created in His image.*

Everyone approaches Christmas a little different; everyone has their own traditions. I loved Christmas as a young boy because I got out of school for a week and I got presents. As a man I don't get a week off work and I get very few gifts, so the magic is gone. The story of the first Christmas has not changed but the times and I have. The Christmas spirit was lost to me when I was on a war ship in a war zone, no tree, no snow, no lights, no presents, and no family. Christmas would never be the same nor should it be, because Christmas is for children and adults.

**1 Corinthians 13:11** When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

The true meaning of Christmas has not changed one little bit, but I have. I can no longer have Christmas like the kid I once was, I must have Christmas the way an adult has Christmas. I began to reflect back on my childhood Christmases and how happy my mother was. Why? Mom loved to get gifts for everyone and play Santa Claus. It took me a while to catch on but I realized that my mom loved Christmas as an adult. The joy she found in Christmas was making her family happy with all the things they needed. My mom would go in debt just to make us happy, she found the joy of Christmas as an adult. My mom grew up in a large, poor family with no mother, I can only imagine what her childhood

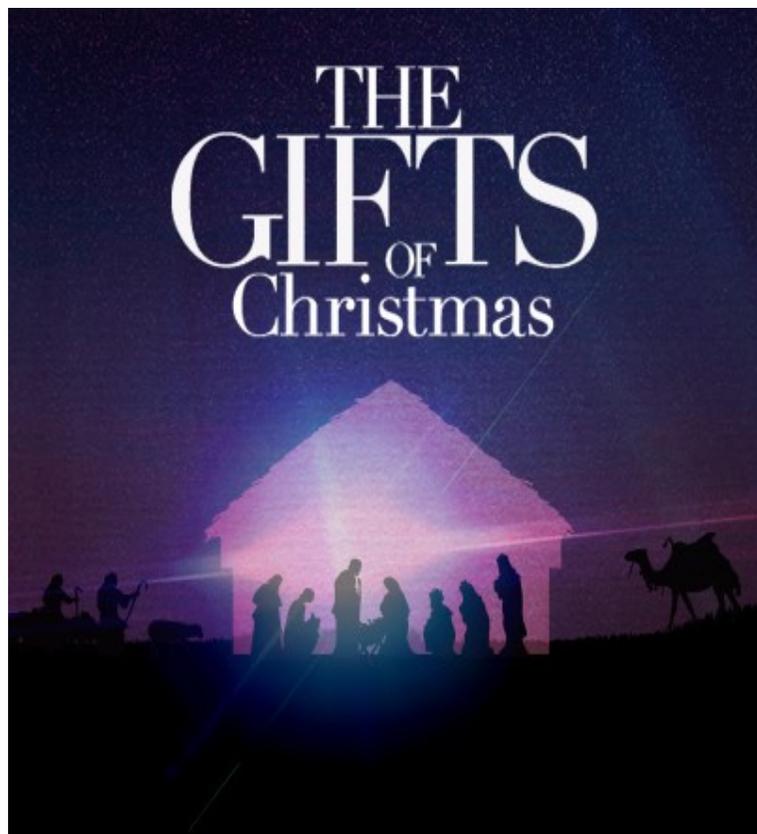
Christmases were like.

I reconnected with the joy of Christmas by following my mother's example, I began to get gifts for other people. I began to really enjoy watching kids open the presents I gave them, it reminded me of my childhood. Isn't that what Jesus did? He was God's gift to all men, the gift of eternal life. The true meaning of Christmas is giving things to people that they really need and cherish. As adults we can no longer stand around and wait for someone to do something nice for us, we need to start the process.

**2 Corinthians 9:6** Now remember this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows

generously (that blessings may come to others) will also reap generously and be blessed.

So, Christmas becomes special to you when you make it special for others, it's a God given law. I am no longer about gifts, when you live a long time you pretty much have everything you want. If I have something someone needs more than I do I just give it to them. And God is still giving me some great gifts, I love His revelations and I really love His gifts of the Spirit. Anyone who so chooses can have a Merry Christmas, you just need to stop thinking of yourself. If you will think of Jesus, He will get you thinking of those created in His image. Merry Christmas.



# What Really Happened in Bethlehem

Joseph and Mary were traveling to Bethlehem because that is where Joseph was born. In that day all the people had to return to the town of their birth for a tax census. Joseph was not a poor man, he owned a donkey on which his pregnant wife Mary rode on. All of the hotels were full of folks coming for the census, the only place available was a barn.

says the wise men gave three gifts but that does not mean there were only three wise men. Jewish history tells us that there could have been between ten and forty wise men and these men gave Jesus three categories of gifts. These are typical of the gifts you would give to a new born king. We do not know the exact date of His birth, we just know that the Word (God) became flesh.

after the Holy Ghost came upon Him. He had to be perfect without spot or blemish, or He would not qualify to be the final sacrifice under the Abrahamic covenant.

2 Corinthians 8:9 Now you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor that you through His poverty might be rich.



Mathew 2:1 When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there came wise men from the east.

These wise men were descendants of Abraham, they were born of Abraham's concubines. They had a divine connection to Jesus because of Abraham.

Mathew 2:11 The wise men opened their treasures and presented unto Jesus gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Frankincense and myrrh was generally saved for the burial of a person. The Bible

Galatians 4:4 When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

All the prophecies concerning Jesus had to be fulfilled before He would be born of a human being. A lot of folks do not understand what it meant for Jesus to be born of a woman. They read where He performed all those miracles and just assume it was on account that He was God. The truth is this: Jesus was a human being with the same human limitations as you and I. He got hungry several times, He got tired and He could feel pain. He did not perform one single miracle until

Now we know when Jesus became rich, it was at His birth, and the word rich means wealthy. Furthermore, His earthly step father Joseph taught Him the trade of the carpenter, Jesus had His own house in Capernaum, He was a tither and a sower, many people followed Him and sowed into His ministry. When did He become poor? When He went on the cross He became accursed with the demon of poverty, He became our curse. Through His sacrifice we may become rich, the word rich here means increased with goods. The birth of Jesus is a miracle and He invites all men to come and share His miracle with Him.

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## Happy Birthday?

When a baby is born most people celebrate the miracle of birth, new babies are generally a happy occasion. But when Jesus was born there were some folks who rued the day, they did not approve of His birth at all. Herod thought this newborn king would grow up and take his crown, so he ordered the slaughter of every child that might be Jesus. The devil successfully turned a lot of men against Jesus and he is still at work today doing the same thing.

**Luke 2:26** It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost, that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

There was a small contingent of folks who were waiting for the birthday, they couldn't be more excited, the prophets, the wise men and a handful who understood the Scriptures. Now,

between these two groups we have the ignorant, they have no idea what has happened. This group will be influenced by Herod or Simeon, the ignorant must choose between a hater and an honest man.

Christmas should be a time of reflection, a time when all

men consider the reason for the Son of God to become flesh. When you know the truth you are made free and then **Merry Christmas** means something to you. The kind of Christmas you have is determined by what you know about the reason for the season.

**Merry Christmas.**

