



CHRISTMAS IN COLOSSAE

Celebrating Christ in Colossians

The Mystery of God, Revealed

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Colossians 2:2-15

HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

1. The emphasis on _____ in darkness comes from the Christian belief that the world's hope comes from _____ of it.
2. Giving of _____ is a natural response to _____ amazing act of self-giving love.
3. Our care for the _____ reminds us that Jesus was born into a _____ family.

_____ : THE ANSWER TO GOD'S MYSTERY

- Jesus is the impossible _____, who crosses the impossible _____ between God and humans.
- You began in Christ like a _____, like one desperate, and dependent; like one who is spiritually _____; like one who knows their utterly great _____ for God and his grace.

THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT

- In your childlike, desperate, spiritually poor, utterly needy state, you have to receive the _____ of God's _____, come to you through Jesus Christ.

THE MISSION OF THIS BABY

- Jesus, who is fully _____ and fully _____ has come to save us.
- In Christ, you have _____ you need for life and godliness.
- Jesus _____ by _____.

COLOSSIANS 2 & CHRISTMAS DAY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is God • Jesus' birth is a watershed moment • Each of us stands at a crossroads before Jesus. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is our greatest hope. • Jesus can comfort and help us in our suffering. • God is with us! Emmanuel! |
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² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.