



THE BEST WAY TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS TITUS 2:1-14

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We best celebrate Christmas by following the Christ of Christmas.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people - Titus 2:11

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, - Titus 3:4-5

by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, - Titus 3:6)

so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. - Titus 3:7

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways...to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death - Luke 1:76,79

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The doctrine of Christmas

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. - Titus 2:1

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order - Titus 1:5

For there are many who are insubordinate, empty-talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. - Titus 1:10

They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work. - Titus 1:16

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And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" - Luke 1:46-47

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. - Luke 2:20

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. - Matthew 1:11

The doctrine of Christmas is life-giving when it's based on our worship of Jesus.



The joy of Christmas

Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, in steadfastness. - Titus 2:2

Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderous or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, - Titus 2:3

and so to train young women to love their husbands and children, (Titus 2:4)

to be self-controlled, pure working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. - Titus 2:5

Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. - Titus 2:6

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, - Titus 2:7

and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. - Titus 2:8

Bond-servants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, - Titus 2:9

not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. - Titus 2:10

The joy of Christmas is lasting when it flows from our love for Jesus.

The impact of Christmas

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training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, - Titus 2:12

waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, - Titus 2:13

who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. - Titus 2:14

The impact of Christmas is real when it results in our obedience to Jesus.

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