

Who needs Christmas?

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1. THE WORLD NEEDED IT

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT) “For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!”

- 1.1 The world desperately needed a saviour.
- 1.2 The world needed an act of sacrifice to restore trust.

Matthew 1:20-23 (MSG) “While he was trying to figure a way out, he had a dream. God’s angel spoke in the dream: “Joseph, son of David, don’t hesitate to get married. Mary’s pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God’s Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—‘God saves’—because he will save his people from their sins.” This would bring the prophet’s embryonic sermon to full term: Watch for this—a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; They will name him Immanuel (Hebrew for “God is with us”).”

2. GOD NEEDED IT

Romans 5:8 (AMP) “But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

- 2.1. God needed Christmas to show His love to us.
- 2.2. God showed His love for us by sending His divine nature to us in the form of a human baby, His son, to grow up under the law, in very humble circumstances and be the ultimate sacrifice, once and for all.

3. WE NEEDED IT

- 3.1. We have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The wages of sin is death. Spiritual and physical. You and I were doomed.
- 3.2. We needed to be saved, delivered and adopted into God’s family as his children.
- 3.3. Only a sacrifice by the true Son, the divine exchange, would give us access to son ship.

Galatians 4:4-6 (TPT) “But when that era came to an end and the time of fulfilment had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the written law. Yet all of this was so that he would redeem and set free all those held hostage to the written law so that we would receive our freedom and a full legal adoption as his children. And so that we would know for sure that we are his true children, God released the Spirit of Sonship into our hearts—moving us to cry out intimately, “My Father! You’re our true Father!”

4. FIVE THINGS CHRIST WANTS TO BE FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS.

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- 4.1.** To be called “Wonderful”.
- 4.2.** To be called “Counsellor”.
- 4.3.** To be called your “mighty God”.
- 4.4.** To be called your “everlasting Father”.
- 4.5.** To be called your “Prince of peace”.

John 14: 27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 3:16-18 (MSG) “This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person’s failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.”

Sermon Discussion Guide

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OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. Why do you need Christmas?
2. Do you know God as a Wonderful counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of peace? Or do you experience Him in a less positive way?
3. Do you believe that you are saved because of the fact that God sent His one and only Son to be born as a human, grow up among us, die for our sins on the cross and be raised from the dead to give us all eternal life?