



THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:2&6

WHO IS JESUS?

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God- John 1:1*

- Jesus is not just a _____; he's also _____ (John 1:1, Heb. 1:1-3).
- Jesus has always _____ (John 1:2, Phil 2:6-8).
- Jesus created _____ (John 1:3, Gen 1:26, Col. 1:15-17).

WHY DID HE COME?

Christmas and the incarnation mean that God went to infinite lengths to make himself one whom we can know personally.- Tim Keller

- Jesus came to bring you into God's _____ (John 1:12-13, Eph. 1:3-10).
- Jesus came to show you the _____ of God (John 1:14-18, Exodus 33:18-23).

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb. 1:1-3).

- Jesus came to bring you out of _____ (1 John 1:2, John 1:29, Mat. 1:21, Rom. 5:1-11, Col. 2:13-14, Eph. 2:4-10).
- Jesus came to give you _____ (1 John 1:4, John 15:11, 16:22, 17:13, Psalm 16)

[1 Peter 1:8](#) - Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory

My faith rests not upon what I am, or shall be, or feel, or know, but in what Christ is, in what He has done, and in what He is now doing for me. On the lion of justice the fair maid of hope rides like a queen - Charles Spurgeon

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Questions and reflections for further study:

1. What does John 1:1-18 teach us about who Jesus is?
2. What does John 1:1-18 teach us about what Jesus has done?
3. What encouragement do find from Jesus' humanity?
4. How can the fact that Jesus is also God bring us joy this Christmas?
5. Why does it matter that Christ was both God and man?
6. How is salvation (becoming a Christian) like going from darkness to light?
7. Which parts of your life need light the most right now? Family? Work? Children? Grandchildren? Neighbors? Friends? Shopping for Christmas gifts?
8. Spend some time praying for those people or parts of your life that need light?
9. If you're willing, ask God to use you to bring light into those places or relationships.