

THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS

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Three things that make Christmas special . . .

I. THE RELEVANCE: _____ came to earth.

Colossians 1:15-16 (LB) “Jesus Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all, and in fact, Christ Himself is the Creator who made everything.”

A. God came as a _____.

Philippians 2:7 (Amp) “He became like men and was born a human being.”

John 1:14 “And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth.”

B. Jesus was fully _____ and fully _____.

Matthew 23:12 “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

II. THE REASON: He came for your _____.

Philippians 2:6-8 (LB) “Though He was God . . . He laid aside His mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And He humbled Himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal’s death on a cross.”

A. To show us what _____ is like!

B. To show us what _____ should be like.

John 10:10 “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

C. To show us that we can _____ God!

D. To pay for _____ OUR sins!

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT) “God showed how much He loved us by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love . . . that God sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”

III. THE RESULT: You can _____ God.

Romans 5:10-11 (NLT) “We were restored to friendship with God by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, and we will be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God — all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us.”

A. You were created to have a _____ with God!

B. Jesus is the ultimate Christmas _____.

C. You need to _____ this gift.

1. A _____

2. B _____

3. C _____

D. Jesus is _____ of all — like it or not.

Philippians 2:9-11 (GN) “For this reason God gave Jesus the name that is greater than any other name . . . (One day) all beings in heaven, and on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, and all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.”

IV. Have you _____ His gift?

A. You may know _____ Him . . .

B. You are not here by _____.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

MERRY CHRISTMAS!