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MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Christmas: Why?

by Kevin Williams

I love Christmas music. I thoroughly enjoyed our family Christmas worship last Sunday, and I'm looking forward to our traditional candlelight service on Christmas Eve. These familiar carols help us to stop and consider what Christmas is all about. Some of these songs even ask questions for us to ponder. "What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?" I like what Luke points out about Mary's response after the birth of Jesus: "Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). She understood that she was looking at a miracle. As she held that newly born infant in her arms, she contemplated who this child really was.

Most people in Canada are familiar with the nativity scene, and probably a majority know something of the Christmas story. They know a baby boy was born to a young couple, Mary and Joseph. And they know that Jesus grew up to be the founder of Christianity. But how many really know why? What is the significance of Jesus' birth?

The apostle Paul answers that question in Galatians 4:4-5. "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." Here we discover that this baby is God's Son sent by the Father. And He was sent on a mission: "to redeem those who were under the law." That's you and me. We have broken God's law, and we are condemned by it. But God's Son came to redeem us—to rescue us from God's judgment for our sin.

That is what Christmas is all about. God's Son took on human flesh so He could go to the cross and receive the judgment we deserve. That is "good news of great joy for all people!" (Luke 2:10) And the greatest gift of all is that God received us as His adopted children. Through Christ's redemption we are reconciled to God by faith.

I pray that God will give you and me an opportunity to explain to someone this Christmas why Jesus came. What a wonderful message to share!



CHRISTMAS EVE *Service*

- Two Candlelight Services: 4:30 or 6:00 pm
- Services held only in the auditorium
- Livestream available
- No nursery available
- One hour of Christmas carols & Scripture reading

GIVING

E-transfer is available. From your bank's website, select the e-transfer feature. The email address to transfer to is

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, 26 DECEMBER 9:30 OR 11



- "To God Be the Glory"
- "O for a Heart to Praise My God"
- Scripture Reading: Luke 22:1-30
- "There Is a Fountain"
- Scripture Reading: Luke 22:31-62
- "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
- Scripture Reading: Luke 22:63-23:25
- "Complete in Thee"
- Prayer
- "My Savior's Love"
- "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"
- Scripture Reading: Luke 23:26-56
- "Blessed Redeemer"
- **THE LORD'S SUPPER**
- Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-32
- "The Power of the Cross"
- Scripture Reading: Luke 24:33-53
- "In Christ Alone"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Church Offices are closed 27-31 December**
- **Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study and Kids 4 Truth resume 5 January**
- **Children's Sunday School and Adult Fellowship Groups resume 9 January**

Pastors are still available by phone/email

