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THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Christmas presents, lights, hustle, and bustle. Christmas Carols and Jingle Bells. Wrapping paper and stockings on fireplaces. So often we get caught up in the gifts that we forget the gift giver. We have a party and forget to invite the person that had the birthday. Truly, Jesus is the Reason for every season of our lives— He is the only reason for us to celebrate Christmas for He is the gift and the gift giver.

As we meditate today on what Christmas is all about, let us remember the greatest gift ever given. Let us put Christ back into Christmas.

Take time to tell the “Christmas Story” with your family as you gather together. Take time to talk about the “why” of Jesus’ birth.

If you don’t know the “story” or the “why” then you need to read the story again. You will find it in Luke chapters 1 and 2 and in Matthew chapters 1 and 2.

Matthew 1:23 tells us, ***“Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us.”*** The daughters of all Jewish families were told that a virgin would conceive. It wasn’t something foreign for Mary. She was taught that Messiah would come through the tribe of Judah. Both she and Joseph descended from that tribe. God prepared her through what she had been taught.

The Jewish parents shared the Torah (first 5 books of the bible) and the oral traditions of their fathers and their father’s fathers with their children. They spent much time training their children in the way of their God. Being Jewish wasn’t a nationality, it was their life in every aspect.

Today, most families spend a great deal of time talking about sports, work, or school, and little time on the things that truly matter which are the things of God. We must never forget that Jesus’ purpose was to ***“seek and save those that are lost.”*** (Luke 19:10.)

Is there a lost member in your family? Have you shared the gospel with them? Don’t put it off. We are not guaranteed tomorrow.

The only way Christ can be put back in Christmas is if Christ is in our lives. That is the greatest gift we could ever receive and share with someone we care about.