

The Christ of Christmas

Luke 2.14

Matt 2.9

What does the Lord Jesus Christ bring through Christmas.

While many hold that Christmas marks the Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that Christmas marks something far greater. Christmas means Christ – Mass. Mass is the Latin word for worship. Hence, Christmas means Christ-Worship. Yes Christ Worship would not be possible without the birth of the Only Begotten Son of God our Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe that our celebration of Christmas marks the day the Kings from the East arrived in Bethlehem and worshiped the Lord Jesus Christ, who when they arrived was no longer a baby in a manger but was a toddler (about 1.5 years old) in a house in Bethlehem.

The text reads,

*Matthew 2:9–11 - When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the **young child** was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. ¹¹**And when they were come into the house,** they saw the young child with Mary his mother, **and fell down, and worshipped him:** and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

They worshiped the child who was the Messiah or Christ.

So it was in our passage in Luke and so it should be for us yet today as Born Again Christians.

Let us consider the Christ of Christmas and let up focus upon Worshiping Him through this Christmas season.

A. The Worship Revealed In The Word of God

1. The Angels Worshiped Christ – All Of Heaven

Luke 2:13–14 - And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

2. The Shepherds Worshiped Christ – The Common Person. The Despised of Earth

Luke 2:15–17 - And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

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Luke 2:20 - And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

3. The Kings from the East Worshiped Christ – The Spiritually Royal

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4. Creation Worshiped Christ – The Star of Bethlehem

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4. This Corrupt World Did NOT Worship Christ

The Scribes and Religious Leaders told Herod where Christ would be born but did not come to Worship Him

The people of Israel that lived all around Bethlehem, of whom the Savior came did not come to Worship Him

B. The Worship Revealed for the Redeemed

(Luke 2.14) - *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.* - This is declared by the angles that night with the shepherds and realized in the hearts and lives of all Born-Again Christians. It is the result of transformed hearts and minds.

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Hear what the Angels declared,

1. Glorify To God In the Highest

To see, understand, and proclaim the Glory of God and to sing Glory to God in the highest is the height of Worship.

- **The Angels said,**

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- **The Shepherds Glorified and Praised God**

Luke 2:20 - *And the shepherds returned, **glorifying and praising God** for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.*

- **The Kings from the East Fell Down and Worshiped God (Matt 2.11)**

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Our greatest honor toward God is to Glorify God and this is the beginning of worship.

To see Christ for who He really is will be the beginning of worship for us.

Why should we Worship our Lord Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is,

Rev 1.8

- **The creator and sustainer of all things**

Colossians 1:16–17 - For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

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- **The Alpha and Omega the Beginning and ending**

Revelation 1:8 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

- **Our Redeemer**

Galatians 4:5 - To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

- **The Propitiation for our sins**

1 John 2:2 - And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 4:10 - Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

There is so much glory in our Lord Jesus Christ that we can, and will, spend endless days declaring the Glory of the Lord God Almighty who is our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Peace on Earth

Rom 12.18

Peace is a great, great thing. It is a great thing for there to be Peace on earth between people.

It is good for there to be peace between nations for such peace means that people are not being killed needlessly.

The Word of God says to us,

Romans 12:18 - *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, **live peaceably** with all men.*

Rom 5.1

When it comes to the Children of Almighty God and those that belong to the Lord Jesus Christ let it be said of us we tried to live peaceably with all men. Born Again Christians usually encounter problems with being peaceable when those who do not belong to our Lord try to get us to endorse or go in ways that are clearly against our Lord and His Word.

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1. Glory To God In The Highest
2. Peace On Earth

It is a Great Thing to live at peace on earth between people, **but a far greater peace than peace on earth is for people to know Peace With God.**

Romans 5:1 - *Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Rom 8.5

A person can only know Peace with God through the New Birth. Through the New Birth they come to experience spiritual and everlasting peace through our Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on Calvary's Cross.

Did you know that an unsaved person is at war with God?

Romans 8:5–8 - *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷**Because the carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

When Romans 5.1 says we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ it means that you are no longer at war against God.

There is nothing GREATER than knowing you have Peace with God.

That happens through the salvation our Lord Jesus Christ offers you.

You will never know the kind of peace the angels declared at the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ without the salvation and spiritual New Birth He offers you. This kind of Peace gives you Peace with God. There is no Peace like Peace with God.

3. Goodwill Toward Men

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Rom 12.9

If there is anything people need in our world it is to have goodwill toward their fellowman. There appear to be far too many that seem to want to harm other people. They seem to want to hurt those who are around them.

People need to have and hold dear an attitude of Good Will toward their fellowman.

This is part of the reason that Jesus Christ came into this world. God's will is that people have Goodwill Toward Men.

The Bible says things like,

Romans 12:9–10 - *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. ¹⁰**Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;** in honour preferring one another;*

Matt 7.12

Galatians 6:2 - *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

The Golden Rule

Matthew 7:12 - Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

It is God's will that people have Good Will toward their fellowman.

C. The Worship of our Lord Jesus Christ

Will you worship our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas season in the way that He would lead you to worship Him.

Will you Worship Christ by giving Him the glory that truly belongs to Him?

Will you give Jesus Christ all the Glory?

Will you worship the Lord Jesus Christ by seeking Peace On Earth? Peace with your fellowman but more importantly peace with God.

Will you Worship Him by living in good will toward your fellowman.

These are the things the God seeks in Christmas.

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