

# The Real Meaning Of Christmas

## I John 4:9-10

“God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love - not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” (*I John 4:9-10 - NLT*)

### I. Christmas Is All About The Indescribable Of God (v 9)

In one word, the backstory to the birth of Jesus is all about sin, \_\_\_\_ sin.

#### Romans 3:23; 6:23

In response to our \_\_\_\_\_ need, we're told that God did the unthinkable, the unimaginable - He gave His very own Son!

#### John 3:16

In an absolutely amazing act of love, God initiated a divine search and rescue mission in order to save us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin.

### II. Christmas Is All About The Inconceivable Of Jesus (v 10)

In order to understand the true meaning of Christmas, we need to understand that it is impossible to separate the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Romans 5:8

The word translated “**sacrifice**” has the idea of a sacrifice that both \_\_\_\_\_ and turns \_\_\_\_\_.

When Jesus came to earth, He did it so that He could die a miserable death on the cross in order to pay the penalty of our \_\_\_\_\_ and purchase our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### I Peter 1:18-20; 3:18

### III. Christmas Is All About The Incredible Of Salvation (v 9c)

The greatest need of every person everywhere is salvation from sin and its eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

God's love was not only demonstrated in the fact that He sent His Son, but it was also demonstrated in what that sending \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

"...so that we ***might*** have eternal life through Him."

The offer is on the table, the gift has been made available but it must be \_\_\_\_\_ to be of any benefit!

### **Conclusion:**

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,  
***that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.***"  
(*1 Timothy 1:1*)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever ***hears*** my word and ***believes*** Him who sent me ***has eternal life***. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."  
(*John 5:24*)