**The True 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)***

According to what is said in these verses, Christmas is really all about ***3*** things**:**

**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.

**Luke 2:11; Matthew 1:21**

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

In our effort 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 \_\_\_\_ andpurchase our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**I Peter 1:18-20**

**I Peter 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The love of God 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.****”*

***(I 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)***

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