

BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Sunday 24th Dec 2023





HAPPY OR SCARY?!

VS.

▶ **HOPE**

▶ **PEACE**

▶ **JOY**

▶ **LOVE**

▶ **Discouragement**

▶ **Defeatism**

▶ **Darkness**

▶ **Dullness**

▶ **Deadness**

▶ **Disease etc**




**Though it is an old old story, over time
and again it has been told, Not only history but
His-Story,
about God's gift for us to behold!!**

(A) Close to the true Father God vs. Faked Santa Claus

CREATION -- FALL -- REDEMPTION

(1) God gave... whoever believes

John 3:16 For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.



(2) God with us

“The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35).

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).
(Matthew 1:23)




(3) Glory to God

10 Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2).

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.
(Luke 2:14)

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(B) Cross (on which Christ died) vs. Christmas tree with gifts

(1) Jesus came to seek and save the lost



Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!
Psalm 139:23-24



- ▶ TODAY is the day!!
- ▶ No DELAY!!
- ▶ JESUS is the only Way!!



**NOW IS THE
RIGHT TIME**

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Amazing Grace!

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1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

- ▶ Amazing Grace
- ▶ John Newton

(2) Jesus is anointed to set us free

- * to proclaim good news to the poor.
 - * to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and
 - * recovery of sight for the blind
 - * to set the oppressed free
 - * to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
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- * to comfort all who mourn, and
 - * provide for those who grieve in Zion—
 - * to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

(3) Jesus redeemed us

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

(C) Come to receive the everlasting Gift vs.
Temporal, fading things that could not satisfy

- (1) Choice
- (2) Condition of our hearts
- (3) Cost we are willing to pay
 - Cross we are willing to bear(Discipleship)



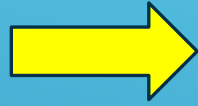
Life is **God's gift** to us.
What we do with
it is our gift to God.



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12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1)

**Merry
X'mas**



**Blessed
CHRIST-mas**



PRAYER

- * Come to Father God
- * Thank God for fulfilling His promise - sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to live and die on earth as a man
- * Thank the Lord Jesus Christ for all He has done
- * Awaken as we realize our needs for a Savior and Lord
- * Not too late to choose and begin anew in Christ...

