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## The Significance of Christmas

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Well, it's that time of year again. It is time to enjoy looking at all of the beautiful Christmas lights, putting up the Christmas tree, great food with the family, being with friends at Christmas parties, holiday shopping, giving and receiving gifts, listening to the beautiful Christmas music, watching the great Christmas shows on TV, and, of course, anticipating the arrival of Santa. Christmas is such a festive time that just seems to put everyone in a good mood.

But there is actually a more significant element to the Christmas celebration which, sadly, often gets put aside. Christmas was originally a very simple celebration which tended to be rather solemn. All of the busyness and excitement of the season, as we experience it now, are things which originally had nothing to do with the holiday. But, in more recent times, these things have somehow become attached to it. In fact, for many people it is more than these things simply being attached, they have actually come to replace the original celebration.

You see, the original event that spawned the celebration was the birth of a child. But this was not just any child. It was, literally, God who incarnated himself as a person on earth in order to live life as a human being. He did this to, ultimately, become the Savior of mankind.

In the beginning, when God created humanity, he had personal and direct fellowship with this his highest creation. But through the disobedient act of those first humans, sin entered the world and destroyed the fellowship. The incarnation of God as Jesus Christ became the means by which he repaired the fellowship. This was ultimately accomplished when he died on the cross, thus allowing himself to become the substitutionary sacrifice for man's sin.

It is this incarnation that is the cause for the celebration. I wonder, in spite of all of our other activity, have we really celebrated Christmas if we have not stopped to acknowledge the coming of our Savior?

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11*



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