



Jesus ERASED THE CHASM

DECEMBER 2022

Dear Partner,

Most people don't understand the full significance of why Christians celebrate Christmas. The world has no idea what it's all about. Until Jesus' birth, sin separated mankind from God; Jesus' coming erased that separation. Christ was God's greatest gift to us. Meditating on the real reason for the holiday allows us to immerse ourselves in the full meaning of Christmas, which is ultimately about the Spirit of God operating in our lives.

Taking into account the environment we live in, it's easy to forget the purpose of this holiday and exalt Santa Claus, elves, and red-nosed reindeers. None of them are found anywhere in the Word of God. Christmas is all about the birth of a Saviour that the world desperately needed thousands of years ago, and still needs now. *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"* (Luke 2:11-14). No matter how good things are going or how great anyone thinks they are, there will come a day when everyone realizes they need a Saviour.

We need to dissect this passage of Scripture, because the world has given it a sugar-coated,

religious meaning. We all know Jesus' power and might, but before He got to be that way, He was born in the lowliest, most humble of places—a manger. A feeding trough for animals isn't a luxurious item; being born in one demonstrated true humility.

Another thing we need clarity on is the angels' declaration about peace on earth. Traditionally, we're accustomed to singing Christmas carols about peace on earth and goodwill toward men; however, most people don't have any idea what that means. The context for this dates all the way back to the enmity between God and man that resulted from Adam and Eve's sin in the garden of Eden. To end the enmity, Jesus was born as God's peace offering to mankind.

The purpose for Jesus coming to earth was to erase the chasm between God and man. Our sins could have destroyed us and sent us to hell, but Jesus came as a Saviour to take all the punishment for our sins on Himself and satisfy God's divine justice. Jesus was literally peace in human form, because His birth ended the war between God and sin.

Part of our holiday celebrations include a Christmas tree with gifts under it. Jesus was God's gift to us; His choice to hang on a tree when He was crucified is a helpful lens through which to view this holiday tradition. Jesus shed His blood and died on that tree to provide us with some life-

WE HAVE ACCESS TO GOD

changing gifts that we could never purchase on our own.

Peace with God is one of those gifts. A gift is something we don't have to work for or earn; it's something we don't have to beat ourselves up to try to deserve. It's time for us to receive this gift by faith. *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:1).

Access to God, with no need to gain permission from anyone, is another gift that was presented to us because Jesus went on the cross. *"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God"* (Romans 5:2). We have full access to His undeserved, unearned favor, without having to work for it. This is something that wasn't available before Jesus came; we therefore need to take advantage of that access.

Other gifts Jesus made available to us are hope, triumph in trouble, deliverance from God's wrath,

and the Holy Spirit to guide us through life. These are gifts directly from heaven and allow us to live in the peace, victory, and love that our Father wants us to have. Accepting them allows us to see Christmas in a whole new light.

Taffi and I love you and pray for you every day. May the blessing of God be on you and your family. Remember, Jesus is Lord, and *"...in all of your getting, get understanding."*

In Expectation,



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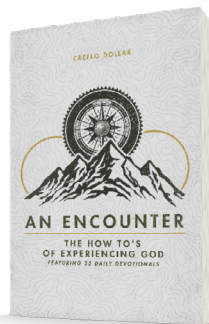
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DECEMBER CONFESSIONS

Peace AND ACCESS

Jesus' birth brought peace to me that the world can't take away. **(Rom. 5:1)**

As God's child, I have access to Him without permission from anyone else. **(Rom. 5:2)**



Our Condolences

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to families who has lost a loved one.
From, Creflo Dollar Ministries South Africa

PSALM 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

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WISHING OUR PARTNERS AND DONORS

Merry Christmas

This festive season, we join Dr. Creflo and Pastor Taffi Dollar in wishing you a very Merry Christmas. We thank you for your love and support this year and we pray 2023 will be a year of breakthroughs, restoration, and overflow as you continue to trust God and live in His Grace. **Love, from Creflo Dollar Ministries South Africa**

Moms and Babies MISSION



Creflo Dollar Ministries South Africa visits the Johannesburg Correctional Centre to offer spiritual care and divine intervention to those awaiting trials and inmates that are mothers with babies. The team gives a short word of encouragement, prays for the mothers and for babies. Creflo Dollar Ministries would like to thank you for your prayers and support.

Because of your love and support we are blessing 35 moms and babies with baby clothes, toiletries, and teddy bears. The mothers will also receive hygiene kits and bibles. As a ministry we love to take care of their spiritual and physical needs.



Creflo Dollar Ministries South Africa would like to extend their gratitude for the financial support towards us distributing 100 bibles for prisoners

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Informal DAY CARE CENTER



Creflo Dollar Ministries South Africa hosted a Christmas party for 2 informal Day Centre. We provided a warm meal and a toy to 170 children to put a smile on their face.

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