

Sunday School Lesson for the Month of December 2016

Where Is Christmas?

Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 2:8-14

Sunday, December 4, 2016

What is Christmas? Someone has said that “Christmas is the joyous celebration of eternity’s intersection with time.” The Apostle Paul said, in Galatians 4:4, “When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman” (NIV).

Why do people refuse what Christmas offers? Some people do not grasp the meaning of the Christmas gift, therefore they refuse God’s great gift of love – The Savior. So many people deliberately and knowingly refuse the gift of God – the Savior and eternal life.

Where is Christmas? Christmas is everywhere Christ and the believer is found. Let’s look at what the Bible has to say about this.

I. Christmas in heaven.

- A. What happened before the fullness of time had come? The world was being prepared for the advent of Christ. A number of things had taken place.
 1. The announcement of an Angel to Zechariah (Luke 1:2-23).
 2. The conception of John the Baptist (Luke 1:24-25).
 3. The announcement of the Angel Gabriel to the virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38).
 4. The announcement of the Angel to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)
 5. Mary’s visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)
 6. The journey of the Holy family to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-5)

The fullness of Mary’s time had come. She had pondered these things in her heart during these months and now the time had come.

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B. The next event was the incarnation through the virgin birth. This great event on which all history turns was unknown, unattended and unheralded, except for the animals and the angels.

II. Christmas on Earth.

A. Things had been happening on earth. Prophecies had been fulfilled. The world had been prepared politically for the birth of Christ. The world conquest by Alexander the Great and the development of a common language – Greek – helped to show the fullness of time. The world had been prepared morally. Heathenism, paganism, and false religions had buried God in the visible world; an almighty god, the god of love was unknown in the midst of superstition and unbelief. All of the religious experience of that day had produced despair. There was widespread corruption and a longing for better things.

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B. The fullness of time had come. Other events that show this fullness of time are as follow:

1. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-5).
2. The announcement the angel made to the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-14).
3. The visit of the Shepherds to the Manger (Luke 2:15-20). God's Son had come to earth!

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III. Christmas in you.

A. It is a fundamental truth of God's word that Christ is reborn in the regeneration of every child of God. Paul wrote, "I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you" (Galatians 4:19 NIV). When a person is born again, it is literally true that there is another incarnation of God. We can say, "Christ lives in me."

B. When you are born again, Christmas comes into your heart. Have you crowned Christ King of Kings in your heart? Are you ready to acknowledge Him as Master; Lord and King?

The wise men brought their gifts because they believed Jesus was the King of the Jews; the King of Kings. Have you worshipped Him as King? Do you adore Him as the Angels did?

Christ is the Savior of the world and He wants to be your Savior too. He died to make satisfaction for your soul. Will you accept this only authentic Christmas gift?