Sunday School Lesson for December 2015

# What the Bible Says About Christmas

## Galations 4:4-5

### Sunday, December 6, 2015

What is Christmas? I believe 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? The story is told of a sorrowful wife standing outside the psychiatric ward in a great hospital; her husband, a patient in the hospital, was with her. He looked vacantly into space as she pleaded, “John, here’s a Christmas present for you; take it and look at it.” John made no move. Again the plea was made. “John, dear, all of us at home thought you would like your present so much. Look at it John; isn’t it nice?” The loving, urging voice failed to reach John’s mind. He was powerless and unable to grasp the meaning of a Christmas gift.

Millions in the world today are like John. They refuse God’s great gift of love, the Savior! There is a difference, however, between that mentally sick man and those who refuse God’s gift. He didn’t knowingly refuse the gift offered to him, but many people deliberately and knowingly refuse the gift of God, which is the Savior and eternal life.

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

### Sunday, December 13, 2015

**I. Christmas in Heaven!**

 A. What happened before the fullness of time?

A number of things had taken place while the world was being prepared for the advent of Christ:

 1. The announcement of an Angel to Zechariah [Luke 1:8-23].

 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.

B. The next event was the incarnation through the virgin birth.

This event on which all history turns was unheralded, unattended, and unknown, except for the animals and Angels.

### Sunday, December 20, 2015

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.

 **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 made to the shepherd by the Angels [Luke 2:8-14].

 3. The visit of the shepherds to the manger [Luke 2:15-20].

**God’s son had come to earth!**

### Sunday, December 27, 2015

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 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 worshiped 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 sins. Will you accept this only authentic Christmas Gift?