

Christmas: The Celebration of Life in Christ!

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John 1:1-14

Christmas is the greatest event in all of history; the day Almighty God became man to bring us life!

“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” John 1:4

“... I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

Life: (Greek – *zoe*) “...life in the absolute sense, life as God has it...”¹

“In the beginning...” God created man, forming him out of the dust of the ground, and then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being! *Genesis 2:7*

Spirit: (Greek – *pneuma*) means “breath.”¹

❖ Life here on earth, since sin came into the world (*Romans 5:12*), is temporary, but the life God gives is eternal!

John 6:47-48 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.”

Jesus said, *“‘... As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.’ And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” John 20:21-22*

Christmas is the celebration of the moment that the life of God was made manifest in Christ!

📖 *1 John 1:1-4*

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

“... and they shall call His name Immanuel (which means, God with us).” Matthew 1:23

❖ Jesus revealed the life of God through His Words:

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. ...’”

John 6:35 “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; ...’”

John 6:63 “...The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life”

John 11:25 “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. ...’”

❖ Jesus revealed the life of God through His miracles ...

... Healing *Luke 8:43-48* ⇒ Jesus heals a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years.

... Deliverance *Luke 4:33-35* ⇒ Jesus heals a man with an unclean demon.

... Hope *Luke 5:4-8* ⇒ Peter and the large catch of fish

... Power over death *John 11:38-44* ⇒ Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

❖ Jesus revealed the life of God through His power to forgive:

Luke 5:17-26 When a paralyzed man is brought to Jesus, he says, *“Man, your sins are forgiven you.”*

John 8:3-11 When a woman is caught in adultery, Jesus says, *“Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more”*

Luke 7:36-48 Regarding the woman of the city, Jesus says, *“Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven...”*

John 20:30-31

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

Endnotes:

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