

# Why we celebrate Christmas!

or

## “How to share Jesus during Christmas”

*With this shirt and colored ornaments, based upon Old & New Testament Bible verses, you can witness to someone within a few minutes how Jesus is the real reason for Christmas. Start with the Jesus ornament on the bottom right sleeve and explain your way up to the top left of the chest area, then down and across to the other side, and then back up to the top of the left sleeve down to the bottom, finishing with the cross on the front of the shirt. Following is a brief outline of what the ornaments symbolize and what the Bible verses mean. Practice a few times then ask the Lord to put some inquisitive family, friends, or strangers into your path so you might lead them to Jesus this Christmas.*

**In Her Seed:** In the first book of the Bible God told Adam and Eve not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil or they would die.



But they were disobedient and ate of the fruit passing on the curse of death to all of mankind. However, God made a **promise** to Eve that in the future a descendent of hers would someday pay the price of their sin and remove the curse of death off all of us by His

own death. Jesus was the fulfillment of that prophecy. *Genesis 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; It shall bruise thy head, and thou shall bruise his heel.”*

**All Nations shall be blessed:** Abraham by faith believed in God. God once told Abraham to sacrifice



his own son to him on an altar. Abraham was prepared to do this when God stopped him from harming his son. Abraham's offered sacrifice of his son was symbolic of the future sacrifice that God's only son, Jesus, would make someday on the behalf of all of

mankind. *Genesis 22:18 “And in thy seed all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”*

**Listen to Him:** God gave to Moses the Ten Commandments. God's law **commands** us on how to love Him and our neighbor.

Since no one but Jesus was able to keep the whole law it is the reason why we need Him to be acceptable to the Father. Jesus was to teach the same love as on the commandments of stone only that it was to come from the heart. Moses told his



people that someday another man was to follow him, one they should listen to. *Deuteronomy 18:15 “The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken.”*

**The Lord is my shepherd:** David was a mere shepherd boy who had a special **relationship** with God. God



later choose David to become a King. But as a shepherd boy David learned how to care, defend, and if necessary, give his life for his flock of sheep. Jesus is the good shepherd who later did give His life for anyone who wants to believe in Him and be a part of His flock.

David wrote of Him in *Psalms 23:1 “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”*

**Immanuel:** A great prophet of the Old Testament was Isaiah. One of His prophecies in the Bible concerned God becoming a man. Immanuel translated means God with us. *Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."*



**Bethlehem:** Another prophet of God's Bible was Micah. Micah was also given the ability to see into the future, where it was revealed to him the location where the Savior of the world (Jesus) was to be born. *Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem...though thou be*

*little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."*

**Son of God:** Many years after the prophets and great leaders of the Old Testament passed away God selected a young maiden named Mary to be the mother of the Savior. The angel Gabriel told Mary that she was to conceive a child and was to name him Jesus. Mary was troubled because she was a virgin, and she asked Gabriel how this could come to pass.

*Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be call the Son of God." Hence the promise given to Eve that from her seed would come a redeemer is to find it's fulfillment in Mary.*



**Call His name Jesus:** Mary was engaged to a young man named Joseph. When Joseph found out that Mary was with child, he sought to have her put away



in secret, as he was a thoughtful man and didn't want Mary to be publicly disgraced. But an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and told him not to worry about taking Mary as his wife since that which was conceived in her was of the Holy Spirit. He also told Joseph; *Matthew 1:21*

*"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."* Joseph agreed to take Mary, a virgin, as his wife thus fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah.

**Family of David:** Shortly before the birth of Jesus, the emperor of Rome, Caesar Augustus, commanded that a count be taken of all the people in the world. Everyone had to go to their own city to register, including Mary, who was engaged to Joseph. *Luke 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and lineage of David.* Therefore the exact location of the birth of the Savior spoken about by Micah was to come true.



**Good News:** In the same region at the time of the birth of Jesus some shepherds were tending their flocks of sheep during the night. When an Angel of the Lord appeared before them, the shepherds were very afraid. *Luke 2:10,11 And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* So began the blessing given to Abraham unto all the Nations.





### We saw His Star:

Sometime after the birth of Jesus, in the city of Jerusalem, some wisemen arrived from the East, inquiring about the location of the newborn Messiah. *Matthew 2:2*  
"Where is he that is born

*King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*" The wisemen later found Jesus because of their search, and faith.

**First born son:** When Jesus came into the world, it was in the same fashion of all men. From a surrounding shelter of water within the womb of his mother, he came forth into the flesh. *Luke 2:7* *And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*



**In the birth of Jesus we find the fulfillment of the promise to Eve, the blessing for the Nations, His physical personal relationship with mankind, the truth of God's Law, and the prophecies fulfilled. Jesus had to be born into the physical world to save us. We must be born into the spiritual world to be saved. One has to be born again.**



**Gift of God:** If you celebrate Christmas by exchanging gifts this year, give out of love, not based upon merit, just as the heavenly Father gives to you. *Ephesians 2:8* *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*

**Tree of Life:** In the last book of the Bible we are told that just as there was a tree in the Garden of Eden, there is also a future tree for the believer. *Revelation 2:7* *"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."*



**Ask...seek...knock!** Our Lord Jesus said if you want to know Him all you have to do is ask, seek, and knock. *Matthew 7:7, 8* *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."*

If you don't know Jesus this Christmas, and you would like to accept His invitation to walk through His open door into eternal life, say this short prayer for His free gift to you. **"Father forgive me for I am a sinner. Help me to make a new life through the sacrifice of your son, who you raised from the dead. I accept Jesus as Lord of my life, and through your grace repent of all wrongdoing."**

**Remember, everyday is like Christmas when Jesus is the Lord of your Life!**

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