

CHRISTMAS

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Now, Christmas is a time for Peace
A time for Love and caring
A time to thank God for His Grace
And to show that thanks through giving

Christmas also is a happy time
A time of Joy for everyone
For Christ the lord was born this day
God's Everlasting Son...

While, most have heard the story of Christmas
Its meaning (*to some*) isn't clear
Although those who *don't* know, have 2 ears
Even with them they can't seem to hear

And there are those with eyes that can see 20/20
But when it comes to the truth they are blind
They refuse to accept the Lord Jesus
And in the end they will be left behind

Christmas doesn't mean the same thing to all people
Although only 1 meaning is true
The true meaning has Christ at the Center
As He came here to save me and save you

Sadly, the true meaning of Christmas is blurry
It's been clouded by bright worldly things
Its focus is a jolly old man and his Reindeer
And the bundles of toys that he brings

Please don't let all the glitter and tinsel
The tree and the sales at each store
Distract you from thinking about Jesus
For Jesus is at Christmas' core

Thoughts of Jesus should open one's heart up
To the spirit of giving Divine
Of showing love and kindness to others
When Jesus is 1st on our mind

Beware of our personal self-interest
And desire to receive more than give
But when faith is grounded in Jesus
His example will guide how we live

So don't be confused by St Nickolas
And think it's he who fills Christmas with joy
Instead think how much our God loves us
He gave Mary a blessed baby boy

Looking back at the very 1st Christmas
Christ was born in a land far away
Called Bethlehem of Judea
In a town that is still there today

Three Wise men traveled a long way just to see Him
And found Him by following a star
That shone so brightly in the Heavens
It could be seen from both near and afar

We know Christ was born in a Manger
Which is more like an animal stall
Though King of Kings, Christ's life began humbly
And is the example he set for us all

The Birthday of Christ is amazing
As it began a life we hold dear
For that babe in the Manger's our Savior
Let all who have ears let them hear

God could have sent Jesus with fanfare
With Angels blowing trumpets and more
Or with fireworks set off in the Heavens
But show off, was not what Christ was sent for

When we imagine Almighty God's power
And the ways He could make Himself known
Of all that He could do He didn't
And chose a baby for His spirit's home

Such contrast, since a baby is helpless
Is vulnerable, dependent and pure
God humbled Himself for a purpose
One He knew would forever endure

This example of God in a baby
Truly shows God's capacity to Love
By assuming the same form of a human
Shows He's *with* us and not just above

The Joy that was felt that 1st Christmas
Came from long ago prophesy fulfilled
That this baby would one day redeem us
At the Cross where His blood would be spilled

No longer would sin be our master
And death be our last curtain call
Over both Christ Jesus would triumph
And give eternal life to us all

Without Jesus, Christmas Day lacks completeness
As the best present's not under the tree
Instead, children just hear a cute story
About a man who comes down the chimney

Now there's nothing wrong with Santa Claus
"A Christmas Carol" and the Grinch have their place
Just be sure that the true meaning of Christmas
Is shared with all to God's Glory and Grace

While the fairytale stories of Christmas
Each have good lessons to learn
In no way can they compare with
The importance of when Christ was born

So never leave Christ out of Christmas
For without Him we'd not have this day
Be thankful for God's gift of the Christ Child
As with us forever He'll stay

So MERRY CHRISTMAS one and all
Be sure to spread good cheer
May the love of God be shared today
And each day throughout the year.