

CHRISTMAS REALITIES

1. CONTROVERSIAL

1. WHAT IS CHRISTMAS REALLY ABOUT???

A. TREE/MISTLETOE/HOLLY/BELLS/CANDLES/GIFTS

1. PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST – The greatest gift God ever gave to man

A. Remembrance – Jesus Christ, God's Son was born in a filthy, humble manger to become the Savior for our sin. It must never grow old that God loved us so much that He sent His own Son into the world to save us from our sin. He left the comforts of heaven – riches, power, and glory to experience pain, rejection, heartache, and ultimately the cross.

B. Worship – It is Christ that we pause to worship. Remembering why He came prompts us to worship.

TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS – TO DO FOR US THAT WHICH WE
COULD
NEVER DO FOR OURSELVES!!! (Atonement – satisfy the wrath of God)

1. Non-churched persons tend to enter the sanctuary during this season as never before. They will hear the gospel and have opportunity to make a decision for Christ.

2. Music of Christ is played by many who have no desire or love for God but run the risk of being impacted by the Word through song. Remember

God's Word never goes forth void.

C. Obedience – this is compliance with an order or commandment, a request or law, or submission to another's authority.

1. Psalm 24:1–The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

2. John 14:15–Of you love me, keep my commandments.

3. Leviticus 26:21–Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins

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