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TENDER TALKS

A TIME OF REMEMBERING



GOD HAS WONDERFUL PROMISES FOR YOU.

**Read your Bible to
KNOW what they are.**

**Read your Bible to
KNOW how God wants
you to live
before Him in the world.**

**Read your Bible to
KNOW the truth. The
Truth is Jesus Christ. He
says, "I am the way, the
truth and the life. No
one comes to the Father
except through me."**

John 14:6

THE GOSPEL

**"That Christ died for
our sins according to the
Scriptures, and that He
was buried, and that He
rose again the third day
according to the Scrip-
tures." 1Cor. 15:3-4**

Remembering doesn't always make us sad. I rejoice in the Christmas times over the years for me that have always been a time of fun with the family. As I look over the past Christmas celebrations and compare them with what I see today, I am sad because for so many the true meaning of Christmas is gone.

It is a time to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. They need to put Christ back into the celebration. How are you celebrating Christmas this year? Are you going along with the world's way of celebration? Our enemy, Satan, has made this occasion of Jesus' birth into a money making, elaborate gift giving, wild celebration with the eliminating of Jesus. Jesus probably was not born on December 25th. Some through much research have placed His birth in the fall. I really believe that God did not want us to place so much attention on His birth but rather on His resurrection from the dead. But even that has been crowded out with the Easter bunny.

If we as Christians are not careful we too can get caught up in the festive activities and put Jesus' birth on the "back burner." So often we are surrounded by non-Christians who are celebrating this as a holiday and so we too get caught in their celebrations and never give any hint that we are acknowledging Jesus' birth and His life in our lives. If we are not careful our children will get caught up in the fun and only on the elaborate gifts that they want to receive.

This Christmas STOP and evaluate what you believe and how you will celebrate. Take time on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to have prayer with your family.

So today, remember the day that Jesus was born and why He came to earth. Remember that to celebrate we can have fun and enjoy the time with family and friends but do remember that we ought to be doing things that bring glory to God. Do not be afraid to back off of things that are of the world and not honoring to God. Speak of Him to others. **God will bless you abundantly!**

DO YOU KNOW?

WHO JESUS IS



He is God, the Son.

John 1:1,2,14a – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

HOW HE WAS BORN



Of a virgin, as prophesied in the Old Testament

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

WHY HE WAS BORN

Because of our sin and God’s love for us

Isaiah 59:2 – “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”

Habakkuk 1:13a - “You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness.”

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

WHY WE HAVE A SINFUL NATURE

Because of man’s first disobedience to God’s command

Genesis 2:16,17 – “And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Romans 5:12 – “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

THE RESULT OF OUR SIN

We will die physically and spiritually.

Romans 6:23a – “For the wages of sin is death.”

Ezekiel 18:20a - “The soul that sinneth, it shall die.”

THE GREAT LOVE GOD HAS FOR THE WORLD

He sent His Son to take the punishment for our sin.

Romans 5:9 – “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.”