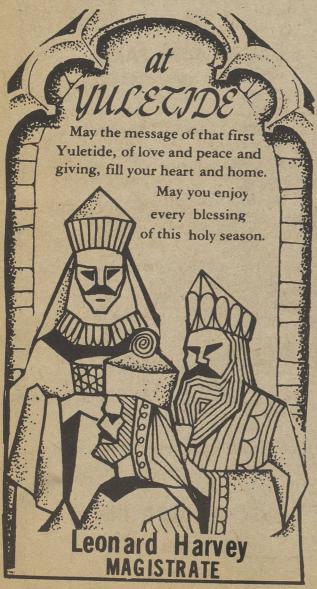
The real message...

We enjoy the activities of the Christmas season, the lights, the music, the giving and the fellowship with our families and friends. Often obscured in the present celebration of Christmas, however, is the real and life changing message of this very special season.

An angel of the Lord gave this message to Joseph prior to the very first Christmas,"...for that which is conceived in her is





of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which, being interpreted, is God with us'' (Matthew 1:20, 21,23).

Jesus is the real meaning of Christmas, and according to the angel of the Lord, Jesus is Immanuel or God with us. God reminds us in Isaiah 53:6, that "all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way..." We have all turned every one to his own way..." We have all turned our backs on God because of sin and we stand condemned before God for our wicked ways. We could no longer go to God, he had to come to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

God "hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,...who, being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Hebrews 1:2,3).

The glory of Christmas is

The glory of Christmas is not just that the God-Man came to this earth, but why he came, to "save his people from their sins." God speaks his message clearly in Acts 4:10-12, "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from dead...Neither is there salvation in any other; for

there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him'' (John 3:36).

The wonderful message of Christmas is that God has offered to mankind his greatest gift, forgiveness of sins and eternal life in his Son, Jesus Christ. Like any gift it must be taken in order to be received.

We at the Community Church of Dallas trust you will make this your best Christmas ever, by asking • Jesus Christ, the Man-God, to save you from your sins.

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