

## God's abundant giving

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Not long after World War II, a storekeeper saw a tired-looking lady enter his store and wander about for a few

moments. When he asked her what he might do for her, she replied, "I need enough food to make a Christmas dinner for my poor children. My husband was killed in the war, and I have no money. Truthfully, I have nothing to offer but a little prayer."

The grocer was not very sentimental, for a grocery store cannot be operated like a social service breadline.

But he said, "Write your prayer on a paper."

To his surprise, she plucked a small notepaper out of her pocketbook, saying, "I have already done that."

The manager took it and said, "Now we will see just how much your prayer is worth for food." He laid it on one side of the scale and put a loaf of bread on the other. To his surprise, the scale did not move. He added several more items; still the scale did not move. He finally sent her away with a bag filled with groceries. Later, upon examining the scales, he discovered that they were broken. The prayer read simply, "Please, Lord, give us our daily bread."

This was a small miracle compared to the conception of the Christ-child by the Holy Spirit and His birth into the world as our Redeemer. But it is a miracle available to all of us. The new birth in Christ occurs in someone's life every day. I am glad for a Christmas season. May you and yours experience the joys of Christ at this season.

## Christmas in truth

by The Rev. Wayne Lambert  
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While the world views Christmas from the viewpoint of materialism, and commercialism, the Christian celebrates Christmas in truth, this being the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. Coming from God and heaven, everything about Jesus pertains to the spiritual side.


In looking at Christmas, three facts come to light. They are: GOD THE GIVER, CHRIST THE GIFT, and MAN THE GAIN.

Because of sin man was in the state of damnation, hopeless, and without help. But praise be to God, who seeing our helpless condition, without strength, in due time sent His Son to pay the price for our sin, and welcome us back to the eternal hope of heaven (Romans 5:6). This is God's offer, and man must make the decision either of two ways. He can stay as he is and experience the eternal Hell as promised, or choose Jesus, and experience eternal Heaven. Satan, the god of this world, controller of our flesh prevents man from accepting this offer, by our pride, excuses, and other means.

In John 3:16 we read how God so loved the world He gave His only Son. While we are prone to think of God the giver, let us this Christmas consider Jesus the gift. His love for all mankind is still available to any person who will turn on his or her God given gift of choice, and allow Jesus to become Lord. One cannot tell how Christ makes a difference until they give Him a chance to take the reigns of their life. In every man, woman, boy and girl is packed lots of good potential for wanting to be put to use. Since sin still reigns, this potential cannot be displayed. Only by allowing God's gift as one's Saviour can a person really know hos or her life.

The Bible teaches about spiritual birth just as we are familiar with physical birth. Jesus teaching was "Except a man born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven." (John 3:3-5) The spiritual birth is a birth of the water and of the Spirit. This was proven on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:38) when 3000 souls responded being born of above.

Along this line of gain, there's much said and done about physical birth through the means of abortion. Abortion is sin, being murder, no matter how we term or fancy the speech, but far greater today is the murder of ones soul in refusing to accept Jesus. There's no better way to make Christmas more meaningful than to make Jesus Lord of one's life.



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