

## Christmas ~~Presents~~ Presence (Part 1)

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- Christmas celebrates God bringing his presence to earth.

*A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel [God Is With Us].* **Isaiah 7:14 (GW)**

- God's presence is the one thing that gives me everything.

### **Why did God come to earth on Christmas?**

#### **1. God came to earth because He doesn't want me to be alone.**

*A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel, which means God is with us.* **Matthew 1:23 (CEV)**

#### **2. God came to earth to make a difference in my life.**

*This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!* **Luke 2:11 (GNT)**

*You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.* **Luke 1:31-32a (NIV)**

- He comes with greatness: He is the Son of God!
  - Nothing remains the same in God's presence!

*They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. <sup>18</sup> All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, <sup>19</sup> but **Mary** kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.* **Luke 2:16-20 (NLT)**

*Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord."<sup>47</sup> How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!* **Luke 1:46-47 (NLT)**

- He comes with a throne: He is THE KING!

*The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.* **Luke 1:32b-33 (NIV)**

- Christmas is about the lordship of Jesus.

*He came to the world that was his own. And his own people did not accept him.* **John 1:11 (ERV)**

#### **3. God came on Christmas to die for me.**

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.* **Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)**

*Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.* **Matthew 1:20-21 (NIV)**

*He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.* **John 1:10 (NLT)**

*Lord, I'm going to bring your presence...*

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