

**Y**eh, it's Christmas time again, and that means holidays, sunshine, fun Father Christmas and busy shops. It is a time when we give and receive presents and eat lots of food. We go to carol services and light candles and as kids, dress up as sheep and wise men.



Somewhere in the middle of all that there is the vague remembrance that someone was born over the Christmas time.

Yes, you are correct in thinking that. In fact, the Bible tells us it is the time of year when we remember that Jesus was born.

Our Carols and songs we sing in the carol services remind us of the little baby Jesus. In the song away in a manger, we sing that Jesus laid his sweet head down, and that he didn't cry.

- **but why all the fuss about a little baby?**

Well that is a good question. The Bible tells us

**1 Timothy 1:15** *"Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners".*

This verse tells us the reason Jesus was born was so that he could save sinners.

- **who are these sinners?**

Again, the Bible tells us that a sinner is anyone who refuses to accept God as King and live in the way he wants us to.

**Romans 3:10-12** *"There is no-one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away."*

As a result of this, we will not be able to be in heaven with God when we die.

- **why was jesus born?**

Jesus was born so that all of us who are sinners might be able to get to heaven. This Jesus did when he died on the cross for you and me.



**1 Peter 3:18** *"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."*

So that all who turn to him and hand their lives over to him will be saved from the punishment that we all deserve. As this verse says

**John 3:36a** *"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life..."*

So if we believe in Jesus, and the fact that he came into this world to save sinners, then we will have eternal life with him and we won't have to face God's wrath.

Yes it is a time of year for great fun and celebration, for it is the time of year we remember that Jesus came into our world to rescue each and every one who turns to him, no wonder we have a big celebration and party.

- **what now?**

The best thing you could do this Christmas is accept Jesus into your life and ask him to help you live in the way he wants you to. Perhaps you would like to pray the prayer below as you hand your life over to Jesus...

*Dear Lord Jesus*

*I know that you came into this world to save sinners. I also know that I am one of those sinners, and always like doing things my way and not yours. Please forgive me for thinking I am the boss of my own life. Please would you come and take control of my life and help me not to reject you anymore. Amen*

If you prayed the prayer above,

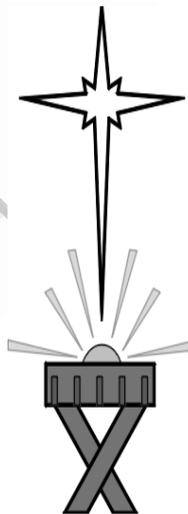
1. Tell someone (perhaps the person who gave this leaflet to you) about your decision.
2. It is also important that you begin to learn what Jesus expects from you now that you are following him. So start reading your Bible. Perhaps a great place to start is to read the gospel of Mark.
3. It is also important that you start attending a church close to you so that they can help you understand what you read in the Bible

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