

Make It Christmas In Your Heart

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"It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when the Great Creator was a child himself."

— Charles Dickens

When did Christmas Begin?

⁴ But when [in God's plan] the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the [regulations of the] Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem and liberate those who were under the Law, that we [who believe] might be adopted as sons [as God's children with all rights as fully grown members of a family]. ⁶ And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave (bond-servant), but a son; and if a son, then also an heir through [the gracious act of] God [through Christ].

Galatians 4: 4-7 AMP

Why Did Christmas Begin?

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through Him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5 NIV

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:9-13 NIV

God is the Greatest Christmas Gift

³ Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. ⁴ But—when God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷ Because of his grace He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7 NLT

“Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man.”

— Robert Hughes