

**WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT CHRISTMAS?
How to Enjoy the Rest of Your Life - Part 12**

1. THE RELEVANCE OF CHRISTMAS: _____

Philippians 2:5-6a "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God ..."

Philippians 2:6a (Ph) "... He had always been God by nature ..."

Colossians 1:15-16a (LB) "Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all, and in fact, Christ himself is the Creator who made everything in heaven and earth ..."

John 1:1,14 "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

II. THE REALITY OF CHRISTMAS: _____

Philippians 2:7-8a "He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness and being found in appearance as a man ..."

Philippians 2:8a (Amp) "... He became like men and was born a human being"

How is Jesus like us?

1. _____.

2. _____.

Luke 2:52 "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

3. _____.

Hebrews 4:15 "He was tempted in every way as we are, yet was without sin."

4. _____.

Matthew 26:38 He said, "The sorrow is so great it almost crushes Me."

III. THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS: _____

Philippians 2:8b "... He humbled himself and became obedient to death ... even death on a cross!"

1. To _____.

Romans 5:8 (LB) "God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

2. To _____.

I Peter 2:24 (LB) "He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross, so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life."

IV. THE RESULT OF CHRISTMAS: _____

Philippians 2:9-11a "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD ..."

God has done two things:

1. He has given Him _____.

2. He has given Him _____.

What does it mean to say "Jesus is Lord"?

a. I acknowledge _____.

b. I believe _____.

c. I commit _____.

Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth, 'JESUS IS LORD', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."