

# WHY DO WE NEED CHRISTMAS? 1 Timothy 1:15

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## I. Paul here tells us what Christmas is all about.

**“Christ Jesus came into the world.”**

- **Christmas is about Jesus**, who is the eternal Son of God, invading our mess. Coming into the darkness as the light of the world.
- **God came to us.** The gospel does not say “Here’s how you can get to God!” The gospel is the good news that says, “Since you could NEVER get to God through your works or effort, God came to us.”

## II. Paul also tells us why we need Christmas.

**“Christ Jesus into the world to save sinners.”**

- Paul says we need Christmas because we need to be delivered. We need to be saved. We need to be rescued from our sin.

**Q. What does it mean to be a sinner?**

**Q. Well, why did God create you?**

- “The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” - Westminster Catechism #1
- **GLORIFY:** You were created to glorify God in everything you do (1 Corinthians 10:31).
  - And yet because of sin we have all loved ourselves and despised glorifying God (Romans 3:23).
- **ENJOY:** You were also created to find all your happiness in God (Psalm 16).
  - Yet we have relentlessly sought happiness in the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1).

**Q. Why do we need Christmas?**

- **A1. We need Christmas because we need to be saved from the penalty of sin- what we are owed for not living to the glory and enjoyment of God.**
- Jesus came to save us from the judgement we deserve for seeking our own glory of God’s and for enjoying God’s gifts rather than God himself.
- **A2. We also need Christmas because we need to be saved from pleasure of sin.**
- Jesus came not only to save us from the wrath of God but also from our own self-destructiveness. He came to change our hearts so that we would desire to GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER.
- **2 CORINTHIANS 5:15** “[Jesus came to the earth to die] that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”
- **2 PETER 2:24** “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.”

## III. Paul lastly tells us who Christmas is actually good news for.

**“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”**

- Christmas is not good news for those who think their biggest problems are POLITICAL.
- Christmas is not good news for those who think they simply need to CATCH A BREAK TO GET AHEAD.
- Christmas is not good news for those who think they need A LIFE COACH.
- Christmas is not good news for those who think their biggest problems are FINANCIAL.
- Christmas is not good news for those who think their biggest problems are OUTSIDE OF THEM.
- Christmas is not good news for those who think THEY HAVE NO NEED FOR A SAVIOR.
- Christmas IS good news for those who KNOW THEY ARE SICK WITH SIN and NEED THE GREAT PHYSICIAN; Christmas IS good news for those who KNOW THEY HAVE NOT GLORIFIED GOD ALONE AND ENJOYED HIM ALONE. Christmas IS good news for those who can honestly say with Paul “I AM THE FOREMOST OF SINNERS!”

- **Because...** “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” **Q.** Is Christmas good news for you? **A.** Rejoice!