

The Purpose of Christmas!

Up to the time of Jesus Christ prophecy was never understood completely. They wrote and read the words of scripture but it was still veiled in mystery. 1 Peter 1:10-11,

"Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow."

After His resurrection, Jesus explained to His disciples all of the prophecies regarding Himself. And we are still receiving benefit from this understanding today. Every Old Testament writer, from Genesis to Malachi, expresses in some manner the coming of Christ to the earth. They only saw in part; it was not always clear. And much that referred directly to Jesus' coming was overlooked by the world. It was only after His death and resurrection that it was seen clearly by those who had believed and had received His life. Justin Martyr, disciple of John, the Apostle, writing to the Caesar of His day put it this way: *"For things which were incredible and seemed impossible with men, these God predicted by the Spirit of prophecy as about to come to pass, in order that, when they came to pass, there might be no unbelief, but faith, because of their prediction."*

Christ's coming to earth is well documented, a historical fact. Many have received and also, many have dismissed these words. *After all, the story of the virgin birth, it is impossible! Isn't it?* Well, with men it is impossible. But with God all things are possible! Only the virgin birth provides sinless blood. Only sinless blood provides the perfect sacrifice for sin. Only the perfect sacrifice destroys Satan's hold over your life! The virgin birth is God's Mystery given to you. And now, because of Jesus, peace is available. The purpose of Christmas is peace. Replace all stress with His wonderful peace!

"Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel."

Isaiah 7:14

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