

CHRISTMAS GIVES US LIFE

"Today... there has been born for you a savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11 (NASB)

❖ Jesus came to save us FROM SOMETHING:

There is a way which seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

1. He came to save us from the POWER of SIN over us.

For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death.

Romans 8:2 (NLT)

2. He came to save us from the PENALTY of DEATH in us.

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

John 5:24 (NIV)

3. He came to save us from the PUNISHMENT of HELL ahead of us.

For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us. God was being entirely fair and just when he did not punish those who sinned in former times.

Romans 3:25 (NLT)

❖ Jesus came to save us FOR SOMETHING:

Christ suffered when He died for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but He died for sinners that He might bring us safely home to God.

1 Peter 3:18 (NLT)

1. He came to save us for a HOPE that is ETERNAL.

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-15 (NIV)

2. He came to save us for a HELP that is ours DAILY.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

3. He came to save us for a HOME that will be ours in HEAVEN.

So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

Hebrews 9:28 (NIV)

❖ Jesus came to save us by DOING SOMETHING:

And now God had made everything plain to us by the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, who broke the power of death and showed us the way of everlasting life through trusting Him.

2 Timothy 1:10 (LB)

1. Jesus came to save us by BEING BORN as a MAN.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning... ¹⁴and the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-2, 14 (NIV)

2. Jesus came to save us by BEARING our SINS on the CROSS.

But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

3. Jesus came to save us by DEFEATING DEATH and HELL.

And now he has made all of this plain to us by the coming of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who broke the power of death and showed us the way to everlasting life through the Good News.

2 Timothy 1:10 (NLT)

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (NIV)

❖ Closing Challenge: Have you received the LIFE that Jesus offers you this Christmas?

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10 (NIV)