

Now ye need not fear the grave

Most Christmas cards speak of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, and yet the purpose of His coming was so that we can face death with complete confidence and assurance...

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25-26

...born that man no more may die...

He wants us to know His everlasting security...

...God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

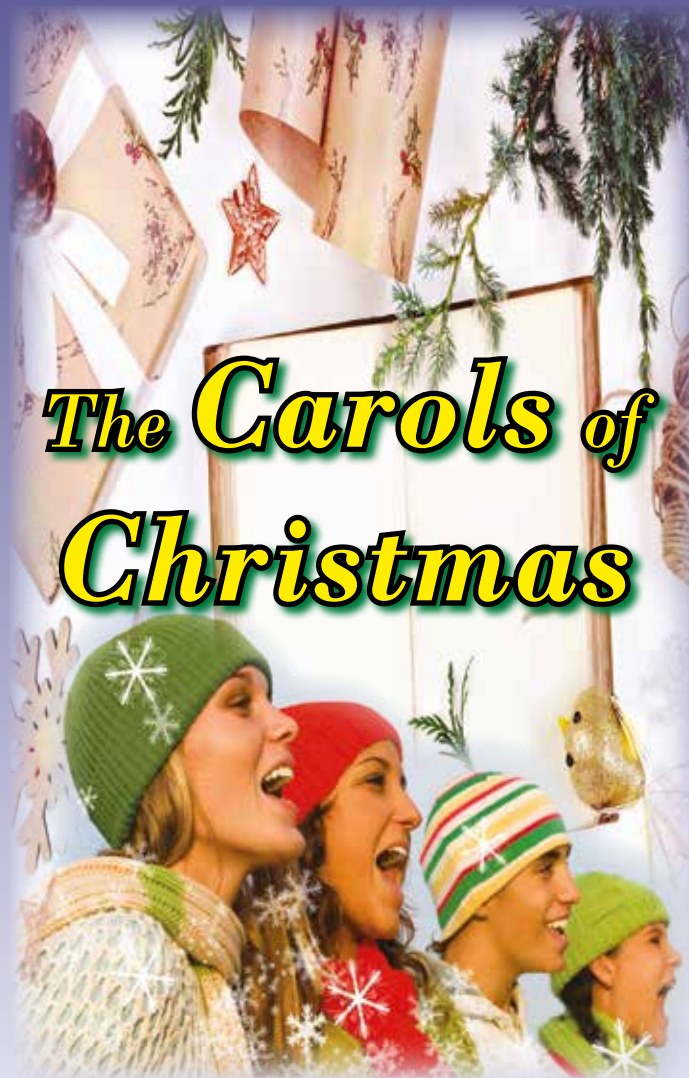
John 3:16

And yet how many of us choose to ignore or reject Him... the consequences of which are unthinkable...

...but whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

So why not reach out to Him this Christmas and discover that He is already reaching out to you.



The Carols of Christmas

We read them on Christmas cards and hear them as we do our festive shopping. They remind us that Christmas will soon be here and there's still so much to be done!

Yes, the words of some of the most well-known Christmas carols have been imprinted on our memories over many years.

Yet behind the familiar words are important spiritual truths, which can be widely ignored... truths that are much more relevant to our lives today than many of us realise...

Christmas Greetings from

He came down to earth from heaven...

Amazing isn't it, that God took the form of man and came into this world as the baby Jesus. Much later, the Apostles would go on to say...

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 1:14

...who is God and Lord of all

No-one has ever had more authority or power than He. Yet He didn't come to accuse, criticise or condemn. His was the world's greatest rescue mission...

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

1 Timothy 1:15

And in adulthood He went on to make it clear that only through Him can we find a right relationship with God the Father...

...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Love came down at Christmas

Much of the giving of gifts each Christmas is motivated by love and affection. But the greatest act of love the world has ever known was not of a human variety. Christ Jesus left the purity and perfection of heaven to live amongst ordinary people like us... and a mere 33 years on from His birth He gave His life on our behalf at the Cross of Calvary...

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

This was necessary because not one of us is 'good enough' to please God through our own efforts. We've broken His law and face His righteous anger...

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

And one day each one of us will have to stand before Him to give account, not only for our pride, selfishness and dishonesty, but for how we've left Him out of our daily living...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Cast out our sin...

When Christ Jesus came into our world that first Christmas He didn't bring some self-improvement plan, nor does He force His mercy upon us automatically. Instead He calls us (actually He commands us) with His help to turn away from all we know to be wrong...

...get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent...

James 1:21

...and enter in, be born in us today

Then in seeking His forgiveness and inviting the risen Christ Jesus into our lives by His Spirit to become our Saviour and Lord so He makes us part of His family...

...to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

God and sinners reconciled

In this way we not only receive forgiveness but also a brand new start in life...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

But of course, although all this is a free gift from God there is also a cost involved... the cost of commitment...

Yet what I can I give Him - give my heart

The Lord Jesus gave Himself completely for us and He asks for our loyalty in return...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

Living as a true Christian today is not easy, but He promises to be with us every step of the way...

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5