

GREEN

...the natural colour of so many Christmas trees up and down the land. But it's also the colour which speaks most powerfully of life and health.

Yet all too soon it seems these trees will be thrown away and forgotten... and sadly the true meaning of Christmas can be discarded just as readily.



So many of us today still prefer to pin our hopes upon some fine sounding philosophy about doing our best to live a decent life... despite God's clear and solemn warning...

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12

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

John 3:18



Yet in reaching out to Him today, we'll find that He is already reaching out to us... with the gift of everlasting life.

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Christmas.. such a special time of year for so many of us. A time for renewing old friendships and showing how much we love one another.

And of course in the midst of all the anticipation and excitement, there's colour.. easy to take for granted, but imagine the cards, the decorations and the presents without it!



Yet behind the kind of Christmas that many of us know today lies a message that's more important than any other.. God's message to each one of us.. expressed in colours..

Christmas Greetings from

GOLD

...a gift brought by one of the wise men for the baby Jesus, reminding us that He was also a king... the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In fact, He was God in the form of man...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...

John 3:16(a)

And yet, though He had every right to reign, He came into this world for a different purpose altogether...

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

1 Timothy 1:15

Of course, it's easy to rule out His relevance for so many of us, if we think that He came only for the 'religious types'... but then, how wrong could we be...

If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

The thing is, no matter how comfortable and fulfilling our lives may be, if we ignore or reject Him, our long-term prospects couldn't be worse...

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

Hebrews 9:27



...as a winter's night and the colour most associated with evil... the darker side of our human nature. And although we might consider ourselves not nearly as bad as some, in God's sight, even the best of us are simply not good enough...

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

Romans 3:23

Therefore, given our Maker's right to order our lives and the perfection of His character, the mere thought of one day standing before Him to declare, 'I did it my way', is surely the height of absolute folly. In His sight even...

...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...

Isaiah 64.6

But of course the message of Christmas means that we don't have to face our everlasting future with misplaced hope or the foolishness of self-confidence...

BLACK

RED

...clusters of holly berries, such a familiar colour at this time of year. But it's also a reminder of the blood which was shed on our behalf by the Lord Jesus Christ, a mere 33 years on from His birth, which we celebrate again this Christmas...

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

Romans 5:8

Just as the old hymn puts it, 'There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin; He only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.'

And yet such forgiveness won't be thrust upon us automatically. God the Father calls us (actually He commands us) to turn away from all we know to be wrong. And in asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord we receive a completely 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

...along with the motivation and power to live a new lifestyle, pleasing to Him.

WHITE

...pure as the driven snow and the symbol of cleanliness... where we need it most... on the inside...

People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

And when we become aware of our need to be put 'right' with God we'll echo the words of one of old...

...wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psalms 51:7

In receiving the gift of God's Son this Christmas we're forgiven and adopted into 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

...and the only 'cost' we'll face in becoming one of His true followers is the cost of commitment...

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

Luke 9:23

