

After all, the Lord Jesus says...

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

John 14:6

And this is for everyone who will honestly seek Him with an open heart and mind.

But why should I do something about this now?

Because it's the easiest thing in the world to do nothing. It's so easy to ignore or reject Him. And by putting this off indefinitely we're facing an unthinkable future, without even realising it...

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

So why not recognise the truth behind the tinsel and use His special 'helpline' today...

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13



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Christmas The Truth Behind the Tinsel



Christmas ...

As the years go by, political correctness, which was once treated with amusement by many, has steadily become the accepted norm in our society.

But whilst originally intended to combat the evils of racism, sexism and the like, sadly the true meaning of Christmas has become a casualty along the way.

Even the word 'Christmas' is being increasingly air-brushed out of public life with the effect that many now consider the real meaning of Christmas to be an irrelevance.

Yet amongst all the tinsel and the trappings God is still sovereign. Christmas, in its truest sense, belongs to Him and not to us.

And no matter how much we tinker with the terminology, nothing can change the true meaning of Christmas...

-The truth behind the tinsel

To be perfectly honest, I'm doing OK. I have a good job and comfortable lifestyle. Why should Christmas mean much to me... apart from the way it reduces my bank balance?

Well, because Christmas reminds us of the greatest act of love the world has ever known...

For 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

OK, but surely we all go to heaven when we die, do we not?

No, I'm afraid that's wishful thinking. It's only by entering into a right relationship with God the Father through His Son, Christ Jesus, that we can be assured of heaven.

As He says...

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



But is it not enough for me to have lived a decent life to see me right with God?

Sorry, not so. God says that even the best of us have failed to live up to the standard He sets. We've rebelled against Him, rejected His right as our Creator to order our daily living and gone our own way...

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

Romans 3:23

So then, is it not just a case of trying a bit harder to be a nicer person?

Afraid not. God says that no matter how hard we try we can't earn His acceptance. In His sight even...

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

Isaiah 64:6

And because He's not only a God of love but also of justice, all wrong-doing must be punished. And unless a radical change takes place in our lives we face a fearful future...

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

Hebrews 9:27

But what has Christmas to do with all this?

Everything! This was the beginning of God's rescue plan...

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

1 Timothy 1:15

The baby born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, and whose birthday we celebrate each Christmas, went on to take the punishment we deserve. At the age of 33 He was crucified on 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

So this was a bit like a judge imposing a death sentence on someone and then allowing himself to be put to death in that person's place?

Yes, but only because the Lord Jesus was completely sinless was He 'good enough to pay the price of sin' on our behalf. So in response to such a wonderful act of mercy we're called (actually we're commanded), with His help, to turn away from all we know to be wrong.

And when we ask for His forgiveness and invite the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord, we're given a brand new beginning....

...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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

OK. But what's the catch in all this?

There isn't a catch, but there is a cost in becoming one of His true followers. This means putting Him first in everything, placing our future under His authority and control. He says...

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

Luke 9:23

The thing is though, I'm just not the religious type. All this stuff is not really for the likes of me.

That's where you're completely wrong. The core message of Christmas, and of Easter, doesn't lie in the rules of a religion... we're speaking about a relationship, a personal, intimate and everyday relationship with Almighty God.

