

Christmas (Hand Out)

I. Introduction

- A. What is so special about Christmas to you?
- B. What don't you like about the Christmas season?
- C. What is the true meaning of Christmas?
- D. What does Christ's birth mean to you?
- E. How consistent are you with the true meaning of Christmas? (Circle Y for Yes or N for No).
 1. (Y / N) - Do you abbreviate Christmas by changing or removing Christ (e.g. Xmas...) on boxes, lists...?
 2. (Y / N) - Do you say "Happy Holidays" to be politically correct to others who do not believe in Jesus?
 3. (Y / N) - Do you buy cards that do not mention Jesus (because of price or other reason)?
 4. (Y / N) - Do you talk about Santa Claus, Frosty the Snow Man, the Reindeer, or other worldly substitutes for the true meaning of Christmas?
 5. (Y / N) - Are you more excited about receiving gifts and time off at Christmas than the opportunity to think about and celebrate the meaning of Christ's birth?
 6. (Y / N) - Do you make sure the Christmas story is read at your house at Christmas?
 7. (Y / N) - Do you have a cake, present, or other way of celebrating Jesus' birthday on Christmas or do you just act like you are celebrating everyone else's birthday?
 8. (Y / N) - Do you have more manger scenes, Christian Christmas ornaments, and decorations about Christ or Santa Claus, Frosty the Snow Man, the Reindeer, trees...?
 9. (Y / N) - Do you mainly listen to Christmas songs about Jesus or other worldly substitutes?
 10. (Y / N) - Do, or will you if you have any, tell your children that Jesus is the only true reason for the season?
 11. (Y / N) - Does Christ's birth make you feel very loved?

II. Scripture

- A. Why did Jesus take on human flesh?
 1. **Joh. 1:18; Mat. 11:27**—
 2. **1Pe. 2:21**—
 3. **Heb. 9:22; 10:8-14**—
 4. **Joh. 12:31; 16:11**—
 5. **Heb. 2:13-18; 4:15-16**—

6. **2Sa. 7:12-16**—
 7. **Luk. 9:56; 19:10**—
- B. Christ and His birth
1. **Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; 9:6-7**—
 2. **Mat. 1:18-25**—
 3. **Luk. 1:26-38**—
 4. **Luk. 2:1-21**—
- C. *Selected Verses about Christ (for further study on your own)*
1. **Heb. 12:2-3**—
 2. **Php. 2:5-11**—
 3. **Joh. 1:1,14**—
 4. **Heb. 1:1-12**—
 5. **Rev. 1:5-18**—

III. Application

- A. A wise man once said, *“We need not just receive the gift under the tree, but the gift on the tree...”*
- B. What/how would your life be like/different if Jesus were never born?
- C. What will Christmas mean to you this year?
- D. What practical ways can you show others you are celebrating the true meaning of Christmas?