Christmas (Handout)

- I. Introduction
 - A. What does Christmas celebrate for you? Why?
 - B. What is the reason most give for not being a better witness at Christmas?
- II. Scripture (Verses of Christ's Birth or you might see in a Christmas Card)
 - A. <u>Isa. 7:14</u>—"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."
 - B. <u>Isa. 9:6</u>—"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
 - C. <u>Mic. 5:2</u>—"But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."
 - D. <u>Mat. 1:18</u>—"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child of the Holy Ghost."
 - E. <u>Mat. 1:23</u>—"Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
 - F. <u>Luk. 2:11</u>—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."
 - G. Luk. 2:14—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
 - H. Luk. 19:10—"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
 - I. <u>Joh. 3:16</u>—"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
 - J. <u>2Co. 5:21</u>—"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."
 - K. <u>Php. 4:7</u>—"And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
 - L. <u>Php. 4:19</u>—"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
 - M. **Col. 2:9**—"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."
 - N. <u>1Ti. 2:5</u>—"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"
 - O. <u>1Ti. 3:16</u>—"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."
 - P. <u>2Ti. 1:9</u>—"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"
 - Q. <u>2Ti. 3:15</u>—"And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

- R. <u>Heb. 1:2-3</u>—"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"
- S. <u>Heb. 12:2</u>—"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."
- T. <u>1Pe. 5:10</u>—"But the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you."

III. Application (Creating a Christmas Card)

- A. Parameters I like ("Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"-removes Happy Holidays; Scripture; Jesus Only-no worldly substitutes; Personal/encouraging words to person)
- B. Outside Card Message:
- C. Inside Card verse(s):
- D. Inside Card Message:

Some thoughts you might include. Who is Jesus to You? What is your testimony of Jesus?

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The Most Studied of All Time	The Greatest Teacher of All Time
The Most Influential Person Ever	The Most Talked About of All Time
The Most Quoted and Referenced Ever	The Most Beloved and Hated Ever
Resurrection from the Dead	Miracle Worker
Time Centered Around (BC & AD)	The Express Image of God
Friend	Prophet & Priest
Master or Lord	The Only Messiah
The Only Sinless One	The Only Savior from Sin
The Only Virgin Born	The Only Son of God
The Only Son of God	My God & My King