

The Meaning of Christmas

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I. We Have Peace with God

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A. Man's Problem

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Romans 3:23

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

B. God's Pardon

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Isaiah 53:5

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Hebrews 12:2

2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

II. We Have a Place with God

Romans 5:2

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A. We Have Access

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Ephesians 2:18

18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 3:12

12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

B. We Have Acceptance

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2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

2 Timothy 2:13

13 if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Isaiah 11:5

5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Psalms 36:5

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

III. We Have a Promise from God

Romans 5:6

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A. The Proof of God's Love

Romans 5:6-8

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

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

Matthew 9:13

1 Timothy 1:15

B. The Promise of God's Love

Romans 5:9-10

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

