

Christmas - The
Greatest - Birthday
Rev. 22:2 Luke
2:10-11

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Our years are indeed decorated with great days which we set aside as holidays. But the Capstone of all the days - the gem of all the decorations is Christmas day. In these days the great events connected with the race are celebrated. But on Christmas the greatest event in history is celebrated - the birth of Christ. As many by these days the birth of great men is commemorated, but on Christmas we commemorate the birth of Him who was more than a man - Jesus Christ.

We could hardly approach this glorious day with out quoting those beautiful words of the angel from heaven as he said, "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a King who is Christ the Lord."

His birth was high enough above other births that angels in great numbers were connected with it. Heaven opened to simple shepherds on that night of all nights and Jesus was introduced to the world with a song. No wonder, organizing has no wonder that Christmas is such a joyous name.

In the center of the Christmas thought is a little child. Pilgrimages will be made to many places in days to come but the greatest will be the Christmas pilgrimage to the city of Bethlehem to see the little child Jesus. - in our minds, so much is the child Jesus the center of Christmas that this of all seasons of the year belongs to childhood.

See just some of the greatest teachings of Jesus have in them the little child. He set a little child in the midst and said, "Except ye become thus you can not enter heaven." He took little children in his arms and blessed them and said "For of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

The Christmas tree is a symbol that unites the custom in most every culture now. In countries where there is no evergreen it is shipped in for their use.

Now in Revelation 22:2 we have a picture of Heaven's Christmas tree. "On the right side of the street of it and on the left side of the river was there the tree of life which bore twelve kinds of fruits and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

Now your Christmas tree of your leafy days had all kinds of fruit. And it had there was room for every member of the family, even the cook got in on it.

Now let us look at Heaven's Christmas tree - Jesus twelve manner of fruits and it was yielded every month. All the year round and the leaves for the healing of the nations.

On this Tree we have the fruit of peace, and we find this fruit nowhere else. There can be no real Xmas in a man's heart who harbors ill will, unkindness, revenge, and jealousy. SIN is a trouble maker and disturbs man's peace of mind. Let us not talk of Xmas peace if bigotry left this cherished just against a poor Christian. Let us not talk of Xmas peace if we have gotten disgruntled at some neighbor and going around to his or her back talking them down and too big a crowd to go to their face and make a trouble maker.

On this TREE is the fruit of joy. Joy unspeakable and full of glory. Some people will talk of joy and they freeze you in the street. There is no Xmas joy in such a heart. No one heard the angels sing even though was only a few miles away. No man with a revengeful spirit is going to hear the angels' song.

Strength grows on this TREE. There are men around us on the wrong road and really do not want to be there. They are blaspheming. They may talk spirit and have strength in our come.

Heaven's Xmas Tree was planted in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago and this message was not to Jesus alone but to all people. The world recognize the birth of Jesus in every letter it writes.

In three days Jesus was 11 true followers. In 40 days 3000. In one year 30,000. In 100 yrs 1,000,000. In 1800 yrs 100,000,000. In 1900 yrs 800,000,000. And in the future if we do our duty the Christ child will sit over all these.

Now since we celebrate the birth of Jesus
next Saturday? will He be at the great ^{celebration} ~~celebration~~
in the after?

Let us see to it that Jesus is born in our
hearts. Let this Tree be planted there and there be
cultivated till He be the great tree bearing fruit.
At death let us be able to say with the

angel, "Come angel hand
Come and around me stand
Oh bear me away on your snowy wing
To my immortal home"

