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The Reason for the Season

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*Jesus is the reason for the season.
He's the One who makes the holidays worthwhile.
A babe that once was cradled in a manger.
Just the thought of Him will bring a happy smile.*

Though born into this world as Adam's son,
He is God's only first begotten one.
He came to die upon the cross for me,
That through His blood from sin I could be free.

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He was born in Bethlehem beneath the star.
From there to Calvary was very far.
He gave His life to buy back sinful men,
So the redeemed could one day Heaven enter in.

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This season will you give your heart to Him,
And let His Holy Spirit enter in.
He'll change your life and claim you as His own,
At life's end you'll have Heaven as your home.

“The light that shined from the humble manger is strong enough to lighten our way to the end of our days.” — Vita-Rays

Accept No Substitutes

C. H. Spurgeon

Suppose that a man had heard of a great physician who understood his ailment. He travelled a great many miles to see the celebrated doctor; but when he got to the door he was told the doctor was out.

“Well,” he says, “then I must wait till he is in.”

“You need not wait,” they reply, “his assistant is at home.”

The suffering man, who often had been disappointed answered, “I do not care about his assistant, I want to see the man himself. I am a desperate case, but I have heard that this physician has cured the like. I must, therefore, see him. No assistants for me.”

He was again told, "He is out; but there are his books. You can read his books."

"Thank you," replied the sick fellow, "I cannot be content with his books. I want the living man and nothing less. It is to him that I must speak, and from him I will receive instructions."

"Do you see that cabinet?"

"Yes."

"It is full of his medicines."

The sick man answered, "I dare say they are very good, but they are of no use to me without the doctor. I want their owner to prescribe for me, or I shall die of my disease."

"But see," cries one, "here is a person who has been cured by him, a man of great experience, who has been present at many remarkable operations. Go into the inquiry room with him, and he will tell you all you need to be cured."

The afflicted man answered, "I am much obliged to you, but all your talk only makes me long the more to see the doctor. I came to see him, and I am not going to accept anything else. I must see the man himself. He has made my disease a specialty. He knows how to handle my case, and I will not stop till I see him."

Now, dear friends, if you are seeking Christ, imitate this sick man, or else you may be sure you will miss Heaven and His help altogether. Accept no substitutes! Accept and trust only Christ!

“This is the very essence of true religion — personally living with a personal Saviour, personally trusting a personal Redeemer, personally crying out to a personal Intercessor, and receiving personal answers from a Person who loves us, and who manifests himself to us.” — Spurgeon

The Door

Spurgeon

You are not shut out of your Father's house, poor prodigal. The door is opened. You have only to stand and knock with a heart and desire for repentance. A door will be opened. Christ is that door. If you come to Christ you have come to God. If you trust only in Jesus, you will be saved. The door to the ark was wide enough to admit the hugest beasts as well as the tiniest animals, and the door into God's mercy is wide enough to let in the greatest sinner as well as the more refined moralist.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Rev. 3:20

“If you can earn salvation by doing good works and deeds, then why did Jesus die?”

Plenty for All

Bridge (1600-1670)

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.” John 6:35

There is enough in Jesus Christ to serve us all. If two, six, or twenty men be athirst, and they drink out of a bottle; while one is drinking, the other envies because he thinks there will not be enough for him. If a hundred be athirst, and go to the river, while one is drinking, the other envies not, because there is enough to serve them all. Jesus is the great river of Living Water, and there is plenty for all!

Our Heavenly Vintager

Duwname, 1644.

We who were wild branches barren of all good fruit of holiness are through God's infinite mercy ingrafted into the true Vine, Jesus Christ. It is from Him that we receive all our grace and sap. We are enabled to bring forth the pleasant “grapes” of new obedience.

Yet, if we were left alone, and suffered to run out with uncontrolled liberty, we would be like the vine which is never pruned and return to our old natural wildness. We would bring forth no other fruit than those sour grapes of iniquity and sin. Therefore our heavenly Vintager, for His own glory and our good, often cuts away the superfluities of our licentious liberty, and prunes us with His knife of

affliction. Being kept short of many of our carnal desires, we may become more fruitful in all holy duties.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” John 15:1-2

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