

Because of Christmas Day

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.—John 3:16

On Sunday a special friend sang a song that moved me to tears and the line that evoked deep emotion was, “And we shall live forever more, because of Christmas Day.” I began to think about all that Christ has given us because of His love that brought him to earth on that day.

As I ponder Christmas, I am blessed to think of family and friends and how their love has prompted them to give gifts, many of them handmade, with sincere desire to please. I also think of precious memories as I decorate the tree with many ornaments that have significant meaning. And, when I prepare candies and cookies and good things to eat, I am reminded of my father and mother as they brought so love with each Christmas. Thoughts like these are part of the reason that I love this season.

Even more meaningful than the thoughts of Christmas past are the thoughts of that first Christmas and the dedication and obedience of Mary and Joseph, the amazement of the shepherds, the glory shining from heaven as the angels announced His birth. My thoughts turn to the wise men as they came from far away to worship the King, the faith of Anna and Simeon as they waited for the Messiah and the joy to finally see the fulfillment of God’s promise. I could enumerate many familiar gems of the account of the humble surroundings for the greatest gift to mankind. The thought that Jesus was willing to come from the glory of heaven to suffer and die because of His love for me, all the aspects of God’s amazing love, His mercy, and His grace move my heart to weep because I cannot ever show enough love and appreciation. Because

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