

## Let Us Adore Him

*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.—I John 4:9*

I grew up in California and always wanted to visit Yosemite but did not do so until I was about forty. So many things that are familiar get neglected. We are in another Christmas season, doing things the way we always do them; good things like Christmas cards, wrapping presents, decorating a tree, singing a carol, and of course putting Christ into everything we do because He is the “reason for the season”. BUT, Have we taken Christ’s birth so for granted that we do not take time to **adore** Him?

Adore means to regard with the utmost esteem, love, and respect; to pay divine honor, to worship. At the basis for adoration is an appreciation of who Christ is and what He has done for us. Part of this understanding is found in the phrase “only begotten son”.

Some modern translations translate “only” or “one and only” but these words do not capture the full intent of the scripture. There are many who can say they are an “only child.” We as believers are called the “sons of God” because we have been given an inheritance and a place of privilege.

The only begotten son is much more. He is not created but begotten. He is eternal and equal with God the father. The evidence that He is the only begotten Son of God are that His human birth was miraculous, His righteousness is unique in all facets. Mark 1:11 records the heavenly proclamation “This is my beloved Son”. He has a divine inheritance and His triumphant resurrection.

It is amazing to think that this Holy Baby, this Only Begotten of the Father came to earth as the babe in a manger because of love for you and for me. He is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Resurrected Savior, our King of kings and Lord of lords.

*Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*