



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY!

What is the real honest to goodness message of Christmas and why continue to celebrate it every day of the year? The birth of Jesus Christ was a significant enough occurrence for Almighty God to highlight it in many different ways. The prophet Isaiah said these words long before Jesus was born; *"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."* (Isaiah 7:14) And the Prophet Jeremiah said this about God's son Jesus Christ; *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

(Jeremiah 1:5) The birth of Christ was a divine plan of God and foretold long before Christ's actual birth. This divine plan was for God to present himself as a divine human, unto the world, through Jesus Christ, so that He (God) would become more real in a human world. Remember that the Jews believed in Almighty God as an unseen entity and that he was "out there somewhere"...not tangible and thus sometimes misunderstood as the eternal Creator. God's laws, or legal rulings, before Christ were moral injunctions found within the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), such as the Ten Commandments, the farming regulations of Exodus 22, the laws on sacrifice and purity in Leviticus, and the sermons of Deuteronomy. All establishing God's laws before Christ (One with God) created the New Covenant laws.

When the birth of Jesus Christ took place, Almighty God made Himself more real and understandable through the ministry of Christ. People then and today come to a better relationship with the unseen Almighty God through the visible Jesus Christ and Christ's New Covenant laws. Christ's New Covenant is the promise that God makes with humankind that He will forgive sin and restore communion with those whose hearts believe in His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant and His death on the cross is the basis of that promise. He defeated existential death by His resurrection and restored life for those who believed in Him.

Celebrating Christmas everyday can be anything that you want it to be in relationship to the birth of Jesus Christ. What you believe about today's celebration of Christmas isn't really that important but what you believe about the birth of Jesus Christ is the most vital understanding for your own eternal life or eternal death. Forever living or forever dying is the most imperative truth and the birth of Jesus gave us a choice. Celebrating the birth of Christ in Christmas must not be only a part of a 4-week Advent season leading up to Christ's birth. No, celebrating Christ's birthday is forever!