

No **REAL** Christmas
Without **HIM**



Amid the hurried throng of shoppers in a snow-covered town in Alaska, strolled a young man. The gay colors and festive decorations of Christmas were all about him, but his head was bent in troubled thought and his gait was measured and slow. Pausing for a moment in the falling snow, he drew a wrinkled and worn letter from his pocket. His eyes rested on these words, **"We can have no real Christmas without you.** Please come home. Mother and I are advancing in years and we desire above all to see your face once again." Hurriedly wiping away the gathering tears, his decision was made. **He would spend Christmas with those who loved him.**

Throughout this highly privileged country of America, millions will be

celebrating during this Christmas season. There will be trees, tinsel, twinkling lights, and gaily-wrapped gifts. But can there be any real Christmas without Him for whom Christmas was instituted? Jesus Christ came to this earth over 2000 years ago as a Babe in Bethlehem. His bodily presence is no longer with us, for He is seated at the Father's right hand, but being the omnipresent Son of God, His presence in Spirit pervades the universe. His eyes penetrate far beyond the glitter, the glamor, and the festivities of the Christmas season to the heart of each of us. **He will spend Christmas with those who love Him;** those who have made a place for Him in their hearts and lives. These are the ones who have placed their trust in Him and who know the peace He came to bring.



"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

Yes, Christmas will be empty without Him in your heart. Life itself is but one long round of despair and anxiety without a personal relationship with the majestic Christ of the Ages. He alone has the power to forgive sins, and thus grant peace to the troubled soul. It was

for this purpose that He was born in Bethlehem, *“thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins”* (Matthew 1:21). For the same purpose He gave His life on the Cross of Calvary for us, *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins”* (Ephesians 1:7). For this purpose also He arose again from the tomb, *“... raised again for our justification”* (Romans 4:25).

There is abundant living for those who by faith accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, *“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10). *“He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”* (John 5:24). *“He that hath the Son hath*

life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (I John 5:12).

To live without Him is forfeiting the only real and lasting joy that is offered to mankind and is also sealing your destiny for all eternity in the regions of the lost. Accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour today. Be among the number that love Him, enjoy Him, and serve Him. When eternity calls you will then be with Him in the land of the blessed. **Only those who love Him will spend eternity with Him.** *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also”* (John 14:3).

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