



Embracing the True Spirit of the Holiday Season

As the days grow shorter and a blanket of snow covers the landscape, hearts around the world begin to warm with the anticipation of the most beloved time of the year – the Christmas season.

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Good Decisions

The best decisions we can make are those we make with God's help.

In all thy ways acknowledge him and He shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:6 (KJV)

A Heart of Gratitude

Gratitude is a powerful force that can transform our hearts and minds. When we cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, we shift our focus from what we lack to the abundance of blessings around us. Today, take a moment to reflect on the people, experiences, and gifts for which you're grateful.

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For Christians, this is more than just a festive occasion; it is a sacred celebration that holds profound meaning and significance. In the hustle and bustle of gift shopping and festive decorations, it's crucial to pause and reflect on the true essence of Christmas from a Christian perspective.

The Birth of Hope

At the heart of the Christmas story lies the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Christians believe that on this holy night, God sent His only Son into the world to bring hope, love, and salvation. The birth of Jesus is a reminder of the divine love that transcends time and space, filling the world with a sense of awe and wonder.

The Gift of Giving

The act of gift-giving during Christmas is a reflection of God's ultimate gift to humanity – the gift of His Son. Christians embrace the opportunity to share love, joy, and blessings with others, mirroring the selfless nature of God's love. It's not just about the material presents under the tree, but the heartfelt generosity that flows from the recognition of the ultimate gift of salvation.

Family and Fellowship:

Christmas is a time for families to come together, sharing meals, laughter, and cherished moments. Christians view this

season as an opportunity to strengthen familial bonds and express gratitude for the gift of family. The warmth of the fireplace, the joy of shared traditions, and the love that permeates the home during this season all reflect the familial love that is central to the Christian faith.

Service and Compassion

The Christmas season calls Christians to emulate the teachings of Jesus by engaging in acts of service and compassion. From volunteering at local charities to reaching out to those in need, Christians view Christmas as an opportunity to embody the spirit of Christ's teachings, emphasizing love, kindness, and empathy.

Radiating Love and Light

In the midst of the twinkling lights, festive carols, and the aroma of freshly baked treats, Christians find the true meaning of Christmas – a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and the profound love and hope that He brings into the world. As believers gather with family and friends, exchange gifts, and engage in acts of kindness, they are not merely participating in seasonal traditions; they are living out the principles of their faith. Christmas, from a Christian perspective, is a sacred time to reflect, rejoice, and radiate the love and light of Christ to all.



When I am Weak, I am Strong

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Reflection: In our weakness, God's strength shines through. Our vulnerabilities remind us of our need for Him and allow His grace to work in our lives. Reflect on a time when you felt your weakness was transformed into a source of strength.

Meditation: Take a moment to sit in stillness and contemplate the areas in your life where you feel weak. Imagine God's strength infusing you with courage and resilience.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the discernment of my weaknesses so that I can lay them before you, knowing that your grace is sufficient. May your strength be made perfect in me as I surrender to your help and guidance. Amen.

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Happy Holidays

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

The Story of Christmas Word Search

Angel	A	Y	R	A	M	B	I	A	P	A	S	N
Animals	N	M	F	E	J	E	J	M	X	H	S	H
Bethlehem	G	T	J	M	J	T	U	K	E	V	P	W
Christ	E	J	S	E	S	H	D	P	O	E	W	W
Christmas	L	A	S	F	A	L	H	G	S	O	W	N
Jesus	C	U	O	H	V	E	A	O	R	G	F	E
Joseph	S	H	G	F	R	H	J	M	G	A	A	M
Manger	Q	T	R	D	V	E	W	L	I	T	T	E
Mary	E	E	S	I	W	M	R	V	Y	N	M	S
Shepherds	S	A	M	T	S	I	R	H	C	J	A	I
Star	M	B	E	I	Q	T	U	U	K	T	M	W
Wise Men	M	A	N	G	E	R	T	T	Q	S	Y	T



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FOOD BASKETS FOR FAMILIES

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info@capviewbc.org

(Registration deadline: December 8, 2023)



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