

# Why do we Celebrate Christmas?

How can a baby born 2000 plus years ago on the other side of the world cause us to grind to a halt for a day on the 25<sup>th</sup> December?

**It's because He was no ordinary baby!**

*John 3:16a (tlb) God loved the world so much that **He** gave His only Son...*

*Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born...*

**But He was no ordinary child.**

Jesus went from a crib to the cross to become our Saviour, providing us forgiveness and an eternal future.

**OUR PAST IS BE FORGIVEN.**

*Romans 3:23-24 (tlb) All of us have sinned yet now God declares us 'not guilty' of offending Him 'if' we trust in Christ who freely takes away our sin.*

There are several things we need to know about God's forgiveness:

- God's forgiveness is **INSTANT**.
- God's forgiveness is **UNDESERVED**.
- God's forgiveness is **COMPLETE**.

*1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

*Isaiah 43:25 (nlt) I alone will blot out your sins for My own sake and will never think of them again.*

## **What God forgets; we should forget too!**

*If anyone is in Christ, he becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything becomes fresh and new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ph)*

At Christmas time, probably the most used word we hear is "gift".

God has two gifts for us, and they are wrapped up in one big gift - Jesus Christ!

- God's gift of **FORGIVENESS**.

*Ephesians 1:4-7 (gnb) Let us praise God for the free gift He gave us in His Son ... we are set free, our sins are forgiven."*

- God's gift of **ETERNAL LIFE**.

*Romans 6:23 The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Don't let another Christmas go by, by refusing the God's precious gift of Jesus!**