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## CHRISTMAS SERVICE MESSAGE

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**25th December, 2022**

### Reason For The Season

"Jesus is the reason for the season" can sometimes sound like a Christian statement but if we look at it very well, this can be a profound statement that shifts our mindset. Why is Jesus Christ the reason for the season?

Jesus is the reason for the season because He brings hope to every human. For those in the darkness and those who've simply forgotten to slow down and enjoy the presence and love of our Savior.

After all, we live in a world desperate for hope. There are people who don't have direction, are grieving, or longing for a second chance. Why not toss up a few decorations early to bring focus on Jesus—both in our minds and on display for others?

Jesus Christ is the reason for the change in the weather.

For many, Christmas ushers in the season of exciting moments.

There are gifts to buy, trees to top, Christmas plays to attend, and parties to enjoy. For others, there's little joy and even less hope.

Some may feel like they're scrambling to escape the power of darkness due to grief, depression, feelings of worthlessness, discouragement, and more.

Thank God, Jesus Christ is the reason for the season because He brings hope to both the desolate and exciting lives.

Jesus is the reason for the Christmas light, decorations and other activities.

Jesus is the reason for Santa Clause (Father Christmas).

Why Is Jesus the Reason for the Season?

There's a lot of conversation and, honestly, a bit of controversy about Christmas and its celebration being on December 25. Why?

Some say Christmas was created to counter a pagan holiday and worldly approach and not necessarily a celebration on the day of Jesus' actual birth.

An article called "What Is Christmas: Understanding the History and Origin".

The article indicates many celebrations—pagan and religious—have occurred on or near December 25th. Regardless of how many celebrations, the truth is that none except Christmas offer true hope - Only the birth of Jesus Christ gives us that.



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God sent us His son, through the virgin birth of Mary, to offer salvation for the world. The Christmas season is meant to celebrate not only the birth of Jesus but the gift of His life, death, and resurrection.

Christ, the hope of the world, loves you and I.

He's available when we simply call on His name. He forgives our sins and assures us of a future in heaven.

He comforts and brings hope. Why not celebrate Him and His birth and make Jesus the reason for the season?

Missing the Point of Christmas

Sometimes we get so busy during this period that we forget we have hope.

We miss the point of Christmas, placing importance on sharing of gifts and parties—not Jesus.

But this year, you and I don't have to miss out. We can cling to His hope, revel in His love—spread it too—and experience the embrace of the Savior born in that simple manger.

There are some Bible passages that help us to focus on the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Prophecy about Jesus

A Sign

1. Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Jesus wasn't yet born, but several from Old Testament times proclaimed his coming. And it came to pass.

Bearing Fruit

Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

The lineage of Jesus contains a phenomenal and hope-filled list of names.

It includes Jesse and David, Rahab and Ruth. We find the rich, the poor, the outcasts, and even those who were well-loved.

Check out Matthew 1 for this list.



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God gives us a free gift. When we unwrap that package, we find eternal life in Christ Jesus. We can live with Him in heaven. Don't miss this free gift. Accept it today. Here are prayers you can pray for salvation. Hope starts here.

### God's Kindness

Titus 3:4-7, 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Titus 3:7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Kindness, from God and among people, continues to be one of the best gifts we can give and receive.

### Unending Peace

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,

To order it and establish it with judgment and justice

From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

During the busyness of the season or in dark times, remember that in Jesus, we find unending peace.