

**What Is Christmas All About?**  
Reference: **Miscellaneous Scripture**  
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Most people will tell you that Christmas is about giving, and I guess that is partially true.

Reference: **1 John 4:9-10**

**Propitiation** – “To propitiate” means “to satisfy the wrath of God against sin,” “to turn away God’s wrath,” or “to offer a sacrifice that appeases God’s just judgment and righteous anger against us and our sin.” And note, Jesus is not simply “the propitiator” but he is “the propitiation,” He is what satisfies the justice of God.

Reference: **John 3:16**

Reference: **Romans 5:15-18**

Jesus is called a gift 6 times. Why did God give Jesus? LOVE!

You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving. Love has to give.

Christmas is about love...  
God’s great, eternal love for us.  
God showed us what it means to give.

Christmas is also about Jesus’ love for us. His love for us motivated Him to give His life. From the time Jesus was born He had one main purpose in life... to die for us.

Reference: **Matthew 26:51-53**

Jesus had a choice till the very end. God left the decision up to Him. God had to. Jesus had to be a willing sacrifice. Jesus could have changed His mind anytime, why didn’t He? LOVE compelled Him to the cross.

Reference: **John 14:27**

Reference: **Hebrews 12:2**

What was the joy set before Him?

Redemption. Jesus saw what His suffering would buy... you and me.

Christmas is also about our loving and giving to others.

Reference: **1 John 4:7-8**

Reference: **1 Peter 1:19-20**

The Bible says that Jesus was a lamb slain before the foundation of the world. God looked into the future, saw that man would fall, mankind would need a savior. He made man anyway. That’s love!!!

Christmas IS about LOVE. A God who so loved that He gave His only Son to save man.

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, born in Bethlehem, who so LOVED that He gave His life as a sacrifice for man.

Christmas is about us, taking God’s example, and reaching out to others.

Christmas is SURELY about giving.  
But most importantly, it’s about LOVE.