

## THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



**DECEMBER 24, 2017**

### **Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)**

#### WORD FOR THE WEEK

##### THE ESSENCE, PURPOSE OR SYMBOLISM OF CHRISTMAS

Beloveth, Calvary greetings to you in the exalted name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! We thank God for giving us the opportunity to participate in celebrating another Christmas. Glory, honor and praises is to His holy name!

Beloved, we have been celebrating Christmas since we've come to know about it, perhaps as a toddler. But how many of us have considered why it is important? We all know that Christmas is celebrated to mark the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, but why is such celebration important? To make it simple, what is the importance of your marking your birthday (if you do)? See *Ps 90:12*.

It is necessary to know why we do whatever we do. Christmas is not just a celebration, it is aimed at reminding us of a number of things. Today, we will be looking at three symbolisms or essence of Christmas:

1. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ demonstrates that God loves and cares about us (*Jn 3:16-17*);
2. It shows that no matter our plight, we have a great deliverer that has delivered us and will yet deliver us (*Isa 19:20, Lk 1:68-75, Isa 52:9, Mt 4:16*); and
3. It is a demonstration of hope for the future (*Isa 9:1-7, Lk 1:41-45, 2:8-14, 25-32, Heb 7:5*)

Therefore, beloveth, today we are celebrating the kindness of God towards mankind - to you and me. What are we paying Him in return? By our lifestyle of holiness or filthiness? Are we showing love, care and kindness to others as He has given us example to follow? God has saved/delivered us. Are we living in the light of that freedom or we are still keeping ourselves in the bondage of sin? As we are celebrating, let us also take time to think of our relationship with God and our fellow human beings. Things of celebration will never cease in our camp in Jesus' name!

# GIFT OF JESUS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

— PSALM 107: 8-9 NIV

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at [pastor@rccglfc.org](mailto:pastor@rccglfc.org).