

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day 2016 — Fireside Message
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WHY DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?

1. TO ERASE _____

Jesus: *“This is why I was born and came into the world: to tell people the truth.”*
John 18:37b (NCV)

“No one has ever seen God. The only One, who is the same as God . . . has made him known.”
John 1:18

“Jesus is the light to reveal God to the nations. . .”
Luke 2:32 (NLT)

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”
John 14:9b (NIV)

2. TO EXPRESS _____

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son. . .”
John 3:16 (ESV)

“God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love . . . that God sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”
1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

“May you be able to feel and understand . . . how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God’s love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves. . . .”
Ephesians 3:18-19 (LB)

3. TO ENABLE _____

“His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.”
Ephesians 1:5

“So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God — all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.”
Romans 5:11

“You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”
Galatians 3:26 (NLT)