



Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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Christmas

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What comes to your mind when you think about Christmas? Holidays, gifts, Santa Claus, parties, family, shopping? Well, what about the child in the manger? It may be easy to look at the cute display of the nativity scene without further thoughts. Let us go further.

The Bible teaches us to see that child in a different way. “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders and he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end” (Isaiah 9:6,7a).

Quite different than the cute little baby in the manger, isn't it? The Scriptures don't only tell us who that child is, but also why he had to come. “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:5,6).

The Christmas celebration only has true meaning when we acknowledge our separation from God, like Isaiah wrote, “we have gone astray”. We need to be reconciled to God. The good news is that God took the initiative, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

For whoever puts his trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him” (I Corinthians 2:9). May you experience the joy of faith. Merry Christmas.

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