

## FFWPU UK: Our Global Community - The True Meaning Of Christmas

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It is that time of the year once again. December has arrived and with it all the joys of Christmas. But it is good to remind ourselves, what is the true meaning of Christmas?

It is easy to get caught up with Christmas. The gifts under the Christmas tree, turkey dinners with family and friends and lights in the windows. But is this really Christmas?

Well, yes. A part of Christmas. The true meaning of Christmas is simple. It is love.



John 3:16-17 says: "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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of Jesus Christ. And through our belief in Christ, we are sons and daughters of God.

An early definition of the true meaning of Christmas can be found in The American magazine from 1889. It states: "To give up one's very self - to think only of others - how to bring the greatest happiness to others - that is the true meaning of Christmas."

And yet, the Christmas traditions we partake in vary in significance and symbolic meaning. For example, we exchange gifts because God gave us the most precious gift; his one son, Jesus Christ. Furthermore, when the three Wisemen visited Jesus, they came bearing gifts too.

Jesus was born in order to atone for our sins. God sent his only son so that we would not be separated from God. Without Jesus, we would all die for our sins. Jesus came into this world to save us all.

With all this in mind, Christmas can be a season for great joy and celebration. This is a time of healing, reflection and renewed strength. The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of God's ultimate gift: the birth of Jesus, God's son.

We would like to wish our membership a Merry Christmas and happy New Year! We look forward to meeting together again in 2022. All the best!