



## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

God's Promises for You  
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## Christmas started in eternity past to show me **GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOR ME.**

*Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. Ephesians 1:4*

*God's eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. Ephesians 3:11*

*"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap, but I found no one." Ezekiel 22:30 (NLT)*

*He couldn't believe what he saw: not a soul around to correct this awful situation. So God did it himself, took on the work of Salvation, fueled by his own Righteousness. Isaiah 59:16 (MSG)*

*"...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8 (KJV)*

*What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:31*

## Christmas started in Bethlehem to show me **God IS WITH ME.**

**Emmanuel=**

*Therefore, Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters so that he could be merciful. Hebrews 2:17*



## Christmas starts in my life when I **ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE FOR ME.**

*Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. Ephesians 1:4*

*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*

- **Choose the one thing that affects everything.**
- **Let your life say, "Jesus is with ME."**
- **Live your life to the fullest.**
- **Let people say, "You are different."**

### **For your LifeGroup and personal growth...**

For you, when does the Christmas Season "Officially start"?

Compare Ezekiel 22:30 and Isaiah 59:16. Both are pointing ahead to Jesus Christ. What are the similarities?

Why do you think we are unable to be the people to 'correct the awful situation'?

Look at Romans 3:9-26. What does this say that Jesus has done?

How does Ephesians 1:4 bring comfort to you? How does God's 'timelessness' give you strength?

Jesus became "like us" (Hebrews 2:17) in order to be merciful to what we are going through. Share with the group something you are growing through right now. As a group, recall something in Jesus' life that corresponds to that.

How would you explain to someone that Christmas was not just a 'one shot' event?

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