

But now we come to the second question:

II. What elements are biblically associated with the meaning of Christmas?

There are four elements that the Bible specifically associated with the meaning of Christmas.

A. The first such element is that of recognition of the meaning of Christmas

Christmas means that God has given us the greatest love-gift that could be given.

I John 4:9 -- "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

Christmas means that the Son of God became incarnate, became man for us.

John 1:1, 14 -- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth."

II Corinthians 8:9 -- "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he as rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

B. The second element biblically associated with the meaning of Christmas is rejoicing at the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas means that mankind has a Savior.

Luke 2:10-11 -- "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Christmas means that peace is coming to earth.

Luke 2:13-14, 20 -- "And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. . . . And the Shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

C. The third element biblically associated with the meaning of Christmas is worship of the One who gives ultimate meaning to Christmas.

Worship of Christ includes adoration and the bringing of gifts to Him.