



WHY CHRIST CAME "For the Salvation of Sinners" | Timothy 1:15-17

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The majority of people in America know that Christmas originally had something to do with Christ coming into the world. But that does not mean they understand why Christ came. But Scripture is perfectly clear on the issue: "*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*" (1 Timothy 1:15). What does that mean? How did He do it? So what?

I. The Meaning of It All.

- A. The meaning of *sin*.
 1. A defilement that needs cleansing.
 2. A disease that needs curing.
 3. A dynamic that needs controlling.
- B. The meaning of *sinner*.
 1. A person who acts ignorantly.
 2. A person who acts injuriously.
 3. A person who acts injudiciously.
 4. A person who acts indifferently.
 5. A person who acts intentionally.
- C. The meaning of *salvation*.
 1. Deliverance from sin's consequences.
 2. Deliverance from sin's contamination.
 3. Deliverance from sin's control.

II. The Motive Behind It All.

- A. The glory of God. v. 17
- B. The grace of God. v. 14
- C. The mercy of God. v. 13

III. The Miracle of It All.

- A. The unmerciful find mercy. vv. 13, 16
- B. The unworthy are counted worthy. v. 12
- C. The unloving learn to love. v. 14
- D. The unfaithful become faithful. v. 12
- E. The unbelieving start believing. vv. 13, 16

Point to Ponder: Is it possible in the Christmas "rush" to miss the point?