

**“Treasuring Christmas In Your Heart”**  
The Meaning of Christmas — Part 4  
Luke 2:15-20

***Christmas is a birthday celebration!***

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” Luke 2:8-10

***Christmas is about Salvation!***

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”  
Luke 2:11-12

***Christmas is about Peace!***

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”  
Luke 2:13-14

***Treasuring Christmas in your Heart!***

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.  
Luke 2:15-20

**Treasured:** in the Greek means to protect, preserve, guard, and to keep watch over something.

**Pondered:** literally means to throw together, or bring together, much like someone arranging the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle.

...But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.  
Luke 2:51-52

His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”  
John 2:5

- 1. It is a time to treasure family.**
- 2. It is a time to treasure God’s miracles.**
- 3. It is a time to treasure God’s gifts.**

### **A Christmas Prayer**

Dear God, I celebrate you this Christmas. Thank you for coming into my world so that I might know You and your love. Thank you for sending Jesus as Savior. I need a Savior to forgive my sin and bring meaning and purpose into my life. Thank you that Jesus also came as the Prince of Peace. I need your peace. Help me to be an instrument of your peace in my world. Help me build people up, not tear people down. Help me to compliment more than I criticize. Help me to love like Jesus loves me. Finally, help me to treasure my family, your miracles and your gifts to me in the New Year ahead. I love you. Amen.