

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."



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Celebrate The Birth Of Christ

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Pastor and Mrs.
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of Grace Baptist

BIBLE QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

1. What prophet foretold the Virgin Birth of Christ? Isa. 7:14 _____
2. Who told King Herod that Christ would be born in Bethlehem? Mt. 2:4-5 _____
3. From where did the Wise Men come seeking the King? Mt. 2:1 _____
4. Whom did Mary first tell that she was to bear the Messiah? Luke 1:40 _____
5. What does the name "Emmanuel" or "Immanuel" mean? Mt. 1:23 _____

A Note From Heaven

By NATHANAEOL OLSON

Let me tell you the story of a Wyoming sheepherder who wrote Toscanini, the famed conductor in New York City:

Dear Mr. Toscanini:

Each Sunday night I enjoy listening to you conducting the orchestra in New York City. It's lonely out here. My only comfort is my battery radio and my old fiddle.

Winter is coming; then I won't be able to get into town. My batteries will be dead by spring. This means that soon my only comfort will be my fiddle.

However, it desperately needs a tuning. Would you be so kind as to sound the note "A" next Sunday night so I can be sure my fiddle is up to standard pitch?

Toscanini's announcer read this letter over the radio the following Sunday and said: "Now ladies and gentlemen, for the man in Wyoming, here is an 'A.'"

The pianist sounded the note. Listeners visualized what was happening over 2,000 miles away—a lonely man busily tuning four strings to match the pitch being sounded in New York City.

A delightful story? Yes. But not



as thrilling as "the greatest story ever told":

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. 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."—Luke 2:8-11.

Christmas Carol Quiz

1. What carol, usually credited now to Martin Luther, first appeared in English as an unsigned poem in a children's book published in 1885?
2. The United States has known few darker days than those before Christmas, 1863—after Gettysburg and Vicksburg. What carol did Longfellow, favorite poet of both North and South, write as he thought of the "Prince of Peace"?
3. Rev. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., wrote words and music to a popular carol that depicts distinguished men bringing gifts to the Christ child. What is this carol?
4. What favorite Christmas carol depicting beauty and simplicity the night of Jesus' birth was written by a young priest who picked out the melody on a guitar?
5. Can you name the carol which tradition says has been handed down to us from the eighteenth-century French?
6. What Christmas carol was inspired when the minister-author was visiting the city of Jesus' birth in Palestine?
7. Name an old Czech carol of worship in which "pa-rum-pa-pum-pum" is given a very important part.
8. What is the American Indians' favorite Christmas carol, which is sung like a march with a bass drum playing what the bass on the piano would be?
9. What majestic melody combined with words retelling the events of "the night of nights" comes from France and still appears many times under the name in which it made its debut?
10. What English folk song expresses the usual American Christmas greeting that nearly every carol-singing group includes in its repertoire?

(Answers below)

ANSWERS to Christmas Carol Quiz

(1) Away in a Manger; (2) I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day; (3) We Three Kings; (4) Silent Night; (5) The First Noel; (6) O Little Town of Bethlehem; (7) Carol of the Drum; (8) Jesus Walked a Merry Christmas; (9) O Holy Night; (10) We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

By Ovella Satre Shafer

Miscellaneous.

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A MIRACULOUS CHRISTMAS REUNION

The new pastor and his wife came to reopen an old church in Brooklyn. They arrived early October and found the building run down and needing much work. They set a goal to have everything done by Christmas Eve for their first service. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc. By December 18 they were ready. On December 19 a terrible, driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for 2 days. When the pastor returned to the church, his heart sank. The roof had leaked causing a large area of plaster to fall off the front wall just behind the pulpit.

The pastor cleaned up the mess and started for home, thinking that they would have to postpone their Christmas Eve service. On his way, he stopped at a flea market and there he bought a beautiful hand-made crocheted tablecloth, a cross embroidered right in the center. He headed back to the church with it. He saw an older woman running to catch a bus but she missed it. Now, it had begun to snow. He invited her into the warm church to wait for the next bus. The pastor got a ladder and hung the tablecloth as a tapestry over the broken plaster. It looked so beautiful, and then he noticed the woman walking down the aisle toward him, her face as white as snow. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" He explained. She looked at the right hand corner of the cloth and there were her initials. She had made the cloth 35 years before in Austria. She explained that during the war, she and her husband lived in Austria. They were a well-to-do and happy family. Then one day, soldiers came and forced them to leave. She was taken prisoner and never saw her husband or home again. She insisted the pastor keep the tablecloth for it was so lovely hanging there, so the pastor drove her to her home on Staten Island.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve! The church was almost full. The music and spirit were great. Everyone had left except one old man who continued to sit and stare at the tablecloth. He then told the pastor and his wife how that his wife had made a tablecloth like that many years ago. He had been imprisoned and had never seen or heard from his wife again. How could there be two tablecloths alike?

The pastor said, "Let me take you for a little drive." They drove to Staten Island. They helped the man climb three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and witnessed the greatest Christmas reunion they had ever seen.



Peace on Earth

