



Christmas 2015 #4
The Purpose of Christmas
By Louie Marsh, 12-20-2015

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²⁷ *“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. John 12:27 (ESV)*

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¹⁰ *that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead...¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the **upward call of God in Christ Jesus.** Philippians 3:10-11,13-14 (ESV)*

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¹⁸ *And Jesus came and said to them, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** ¹⁹ **Go** therefore and **make disciples of all nations, baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching** them **to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**” Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)*

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