

Joy to the World!



Why? What is the big deal? Why all the fuss?

Sometimes, concepts like *incarnation* are too big for us to swallow in any meaningful way. So, we give up on the theology and decide that Christmas is about joy because we all love each other a little more, because of gifts and trees and bells, because we all feel a little warmer when we sing the carols and hear the story again.

But...this text speaks to the big deal. It emphasizes the extreme.

The message is not for only some. No, let every heart prepare for this child, for He is here. It is not a matter of His coming only to some, only to the good, only to the deserving, only to the pre-selected. No, let every heart prepare.

He is not to be worshiped by some. No, let the fields and the floods and the hills and the plains echo it. He Himself will remind us that if we are silent, the very rocks will cry out. It is not optional.

He is not here to do a small work. No, His blessing will flow just as far as the curse is found. And that is a long way, for the curse is on us all. All we like sheep have gone astray. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have turned, every one, to his own way. There is none righteous, no not one. If we live in Narnia, the White Witch has made it winter for everyone. If we once knew Paradise, it has been lost for us all. The stain is complete. And so, therefore, is His plan, His work.

He is not here to influence only a few select decisions. No, He is here to rule the world. His reign means that every nation will demonstrate the glories of His righteousness and the wonders of His love.

That is a big deal.

If you have let yourself become so used to Christmas, so caught up in silver bells and reindeer, that you do not even pause at the revolution His coming means, then now is the time. We spend the time and sing the songs and light the lights for a reason – sins and sorrows have been defeated. Truth and grace have won.

That is worth a fuss.

Receive your king!

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