



Pastor's Comments

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Christmas Carols

Christmas carols depict the magnificence of God's wondrous gift to us – His Son, Jesus! On this theme, musicians have composed some of the greatest music in the world: Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," and the beautiful carols, "Joy to the World," "Silent Night, Holy Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," etc.

Christmas carols reflect major biblical truths about Jesus – Who He is, His incarnation, His purpose in coming to earth, what His coming means to us, what our response should be, etc. "Joy to the world! **The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room....**" Have you prepared room in your heart for King Jesus? Such a personal response is stressed in "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" as it notes, "How silently, how silently, **The wondrous gift is given!** So God imparts to human hearts, The blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, **Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.**"

Singing of **Christmas carols**, hymns, and choruses is an important element of worship to God. They express to Him what is in our hearts and **focus our attention on Him** just as does "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" when it states, "Jesus, **to Thee be all glory given;** Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing...." In our services during the Christmas season we not only love to sing carols, but also many choruses that **focus on Jesus**. Among these are "There's Something About That Name," "His Name is Wonderful," "Emmanuel," "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know," "What A Lovely Name," "Holy Is The Lord, And Mighty Is His Name," "Jesus, Name Above All Names," "The Angel Called Him Jesus," "He Is the King," and many more.

I invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we sing the **Christmas carols and choruses that focus our attention on Jesus**.

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