

How Christmas Changes People

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That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1:1-4

Six Ways Christmas Should Change Us:

1. Christmas should make us Theologians

*“That which was **from the beginning...**” vs 1a*

2. Christmas should make us Historians

*“...**which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands**, concerning the word of life ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us” vs 1b-2*

3. Christmas should make us Pragmatists

*“the life **was made manifest**, and we have seen it...” vs. 2a*

4. Christmas should make us Mystics

*“**our fellowship** is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.” vs. 3b*

5. Christmas should make us Missionaries

*“the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, **and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life**, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us.” vs. 2b*

6. Christmas should make us Connected

*“...so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things **so that our joy may be complete.**” vs. 3b, 4*