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**JOURNEY2WHOLENESS MINISTRIES**

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# WHAT IS THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS GIFT?

## Remembering the Season We Are In

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### It Was LOVE!



**Can you believe the holiday season of Christmas is already upon us?** And with that it is important to remember the true meaning as to what we are really celebrating when its easy to get caught up in the rush of Christmas.

This historic record of the birth of Christ can be found in Matthew **1:18-25** and **Luke 2:1-20**.

Unlike any other baby, the one born that night in Bethlehem was unique in all of history. He was not created by a human father and mother. He had a heavenly pre-existence (**John 1:1-3, 14**). He is God, the Son—Creator of the universe (**Philippians 2:5-11**). This is why Christmas is called the incarnation, a word which means “in the flesh.” In the birth of Jesus, the eternal, all-powerful and all-knowing Creator came to earth in the flesh.

Why would God do such a thing? Why would he come as a baby, instead of appearing in power and majesty? Why make himself a true man and live among us, when he knew full well how terribly he would be treated?

### It was LOVE!

As God, he is all-powerful and all-knowing. Yet, so great was his love for us, his creations, that he humbled Himself greatly for our sake (**Phil. 2:8**). This was first seen by man at the birth of Jesus (**Gal. 4:4; Luke 2:7; John 1:46; Heb. 2:9**). He did not come as a powerful king or a superman; he came as a baby dependent on others for his physical care. **WHY!**

### It was LOVE!

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to All!!!**

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His humiliation was voluntary, and was necessary to...

- ...execute the purpose of God (**Acts 2:23,24; Ps. 40:6-8**)
- ...fulfill the Old Testament types and prophecies
- ...satisfy the law, paying for the guilty (**Isa. 53; Heb. 9:12,15**), and obtaining for them eternal redemption
- ...show us an example of how to live

**WHY! It was LOVE!**

There's nothing like the festive season of Christmas, but it can be a time of year with our families that bring more than its fair share of stress, noise, anxiety and squabbles.

- Remember to cast your worries onto the Lord
- Remember to separate others sin if they sin against you
- Remember to forgive quickly
- Remember not to fall into performance of other's expectations
- Be yourself
- Watch your heart and your thoughts
- Watch what comes out of your mouth to defend
- Lastly ...
- Stay focused on God's love for you

Don't be tricked by the enemy, but be wise (**Hebrews 5:14**) and discern good and evil. Recognize the accuser and cast those thoughts down and don't receive them even if they come from a person. Know who you are to the Lord. You are precious in His sight!

Traci Morin

**ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!**

This Saturday Dec. 2 and Fundraiser 10-til. We want to Thank those who are participating with us Saturday and we look forward to seeing each of you.

We do still have spots open if you would like to come. Please contact me.

If you are unclear as to what time your appointment is please contact me asap at 972-880-1234 or email me at [deborah@journey2wholeness.org](mailto:deborah@journey2wholeness.org).

Desiree Recommends for a great shot: Simple mono colors, NOT prints, checks, or plaids and such. Colors such as: • white and denium • white and Khaki • black and denium • red and denium Makes for great pics. You can do the RED if you are wanting to create a sort of HOLIDAY feel to the pic. But for your photo to be everlasting and NOT dated she encourages you to stay away from Christmas clothing and such things that can out date a photo quick. Thank You and God Bless You,

Deborah Massey

Remember Journey2Wholeness New Teaching Cycle Starts in January 2007:

- Introductory Night - "A Night of Miracles" Sunday, January 14, 2007
- Foundational Teachings - Saturday, January 20, 2007, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- See [Schedule](#) ...
- We would like to know who is coming as soon as possible, and you can help us by filling out the online [registration form](#).

**Anyone Going to Pleasant Valley!!!**

Cynthia Slaboda is at Pleasant Valley taking "For My Life" and "For Their Life"

- If any of you are planning to go to Pleasant Valley, we would like to know. The staff at Pleasant Valley would like to meet you.

**"Jesus is the Reason for the Season."**

May All Of You Be Blessed During This Christmas Season!!!

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