

Getting This Christmas Right: The Why's of Christmas [Part One]

Five “Forget Me Nots” of Christmas:

1. When I see a _____,
I remind myself this _____
in human history.

“This would bring the prophet’s embryonic sermon to full term: Watch for this—a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; They will name him Emmanuel (Hebrew for ‘God is with us’).”

Matt. 1:22-23 (The Message)

“...the Good News that Jesus died for you...This is the wonderful news that came to each of you and is now spreading all over the world.” Col. 1:23 (Living Bible)

2. When I hear _____,
I remind myself to give _____.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Luke 2:14 (NKJV)

3. When I open a _____,
I remind myself I’m on God’s _____.

Jesus: **“...I now call you my friends.”**

John 15:15

“Become friends with God; he’s already a friend with you.”

2 Cor. 5:20 (The Message)

4. When I use my _____,
I remind myself Jesus paid my _____
to God.

“God made you alive with Christ, and he forgave all our sins. He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross.”

Col. 2:13-14 (New Century)

5. When I receive a _____,
I remind myself God’s gift of _____
is not earned.

“I mean that you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it.” Eph. 2:8-9 (New Century)