

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ...

Luke 2 : 1 - 14

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ...

Luke 2 : 1 - 14

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2 : 1 - 14

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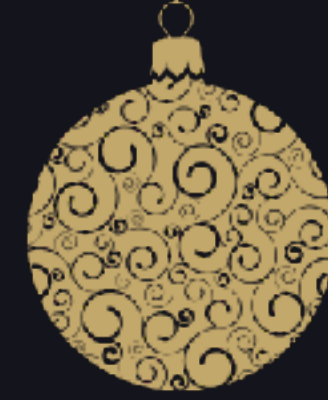


Why should anyone want
this to be true?





7 Reasons Why You Should
Want Christmas to be True



7. It means the smallest are the greatest

“And then to Sam’s surprise and utter confusion [the king] bowed his knee before them; and taking them by the hand, Frodo upon his right and Sam upon his left, he led them to the throne, and setting them upon it, he turned to the men and captains who stood by and spoke, so that his voice rang over all the host, crying:
‘Praise them with great praise!’” ...

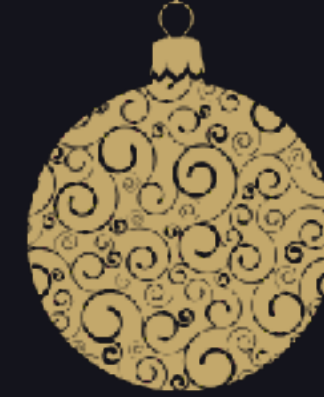


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“And all the host laughed and wept...until their hearts... overflowed, and their joy was like swords, and they passed in thought out to regions where pain and delight flow together and tears are the very wine of blessedness.”



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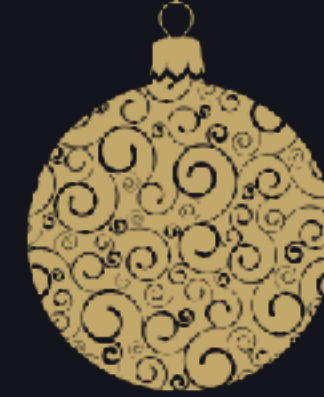


6. It means the light is greater than the darkness



In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

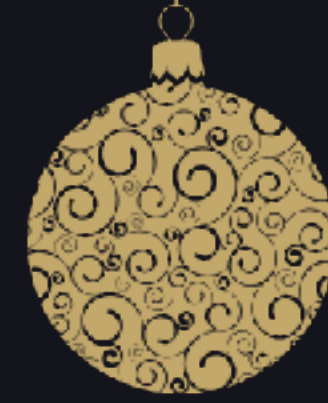
John 1: 4 - 5



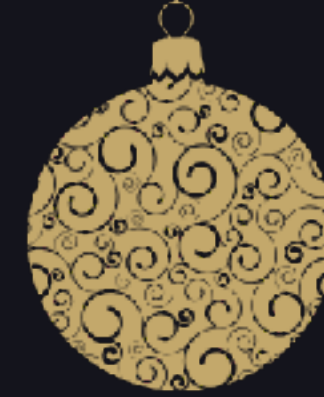
5. It means that pain is redeemed

Redemption

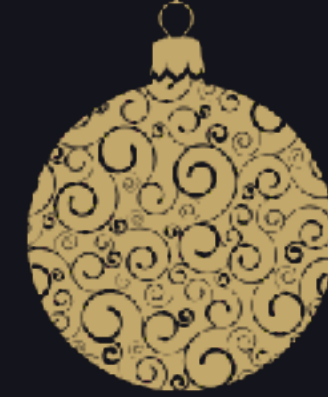




4. It means creation made whole



3. It means humanity lowered



2. Christmas means humanity lifted

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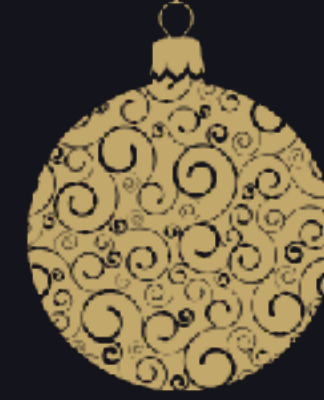


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“Maddest of all to see the world as it is,
and not as it ought to be.”



Don Quixote
Man of La Mancha



1. Christmas means grace is true

Grace is getting what you
want the most when you ***need***
it the most when you ***deserve***
it the least.





In this is love, not that we have loved God but
that he loved us and sent his Son.

1 John 4 : 10