

WHAT DO WE DO WITH SANTA CLAUS?

PRECEPT

John 3:16

¹³ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

PROMISE

Why is it important to know Santa Claus' origins? So that we, Christian parents, can use the story of his origin to teach our children that the heart of generous Christmas giving begins with God's greatest gift, and it's not a what, but a who! His name is Jesus! Especially in this modern world, Christmas has become largely about Santa Claus and gifts, and has lost sight of the true meaning of Christmas. So we have the responsibility to tell the true story of Santa Claus, which still points to Jesus. Jesus gave His life for you and for me. Through John 3:16, Jesus has demonstrated what generosity means, giving sacrificially. Or are we living a Christian life that always seeks comfort? Afraid to commit, afraid to fully surrender their lives, afraid to let go of someone. Generosity isn't defined by the size of the gift, but by the sacrifice your heart is willing to make. Our response to Jesus' generosity in our lives is to love our brothers and sisters, not just with words or speech, but with actions and in truth.

FORGIVENESS. Matthew 18:21-22 says, "Then Peter came to him and asked, 'Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?' "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" Christmas creates space for forgiveness, bringing reconciliation to many relationships. Even Jesus wants us to practice generosity through forgiveness. Resolution starts with humility through asking for forgiveness; sometimes it's not about who is right or wrong, but for both to understand that they aren't perfect.

PATIENCE. Ephesians 4:2 tells, "Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Patience creates room for improvement for our loved ones when someone makes a mistake; don't bring up the past right away. Becoming Christlike is not a miracle, but a continuous progression.

SHARING OUR RESOURCES. Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Giving—whether time or resources—leads to blessings and flourishing. Jesus showed the depth of His love by laying down His life for us. In response, we are invited to love others in the same way—not merely with words, but with sincere actions rooted in truth and generosity.

PRACTICE

- 1. Generosity.** What is one small, practical step you could take this week to build a habit of generosity into your daily routine?
- 2. Understanding Christmas.** When was the last time you were able to give something to Jesus that cost you something? And how can we pray/encourage you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Peace

- Pray for God's peace to fill our hearts, our homes, our communities, and our world.

II. Community

- Pray for our community to know Christ fully and deeply and study His Word daily.

III. Leaders

- May God grant them wisdom, strength, and discernment as they guide His people.

IV. Members

- Pray for the spiritual maturity and the growth of our attendees.

V. Disciples

- Let us pray for more disciples and disciplers to teach others to obey God's commands.

VI. Pastors

- May God's favour rest upon them and may He establish the work of their hands always.

VII. Marriages

- May God guide them and strengthen their commitment to one another.