

# The Why of Christmas

Genesis 3:15, 16  
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## I. Introduction

- A. The theme of the Bible is “Redemption” and the most important and most frequently mentioned person in the Bible is Jesus.
- B. It is impossible to separate Good Friday, Easter, and Christmas.
- C. Our calendar marks all three as holidays
- D. The most loved holiday on our calendar had an ugly start.
- E. Christmas is necessary to repair and redeem what Adam and Eve did in the garden (Genesis 3:1-7)
- F. Genesis 3:15 is the first verse in the Bible that states both the why and how of Christmas.

## II. A careful look at Genesis 3:15

- A. The Father is the author of our salvation. “And I”.
  - 1. Salvation is a work of God for man not a work of men for God.
  - 2. It is a gift to be received not a reward to be earned.
  - 3. You will never have assurance of salvation until this is clear.
- B. Satan is the root of all sin. “*will put enmity*” (hostility, hatred)
  - 1. Satan (the serpent) led Adan and Eve into sin (Genesis 3:1-7)
  - 2. However, Adam is blamed for passing sin onto all men (Romans 5:12)
  - 3. God holds all men accountable for their sin (Romans 3:9-18)
- C. A woman will be the deliverer of the Redeemer: “*between you and the woman*”.
  - 1. A unique creation. Man was made from “*dust from the ground*” (Genesis 2:7) but Eve was made from a rib out of Adam (Genesis 2:21)
  - 2. All the rest of mankind has come as did Cain (Genesis 4:1). It takes a man and a woman!
  - 3. Jesus was born of a woman – period!
    - a. Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:3

## D. A long war is ahead

- 1. “*And between your seed*” - spiritual descendants of Satan.
    - a. John 8:44; Ephesians 2:2
  - 2. “her seed”
    - a. Galatians 3:16
- ## E. It is all about Jesus “He”
- 1. “He”, masculine, singular, i.e., Jesus
  - 2. He who Peter called “*the holy and righteous one*” (Act 3:14)
  - 3. He who John called “*the Word*” (John 1:1)
  - 4. Called Jesus because He will save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)
- ## F. This victory will come at a great cost. “*He shall bruise you on the head (a fatal blow) And you (Satan) shall bruise Him on the heel*”. Redemption has a price tag.
- 1. He will destroy the works of the devil (John 3:8)
  - 2. “*He will render powerless*” (Hebrews 2:14) Satan.
  - 3. I Timothy 1:15; I Peter 2:21-25; 3:18
- ## G. The pain of childbirth in Genesis 3:16 is a constant reminder of our sinfulness
- 1. Psalm 25:7, 58:13; Romans 3:23
- ## H. Two beautiful sermons that tell the story
- 1. Acts 2:22-36; Acts 10:38-43

