

The True Gift of
Christmas

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1



20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1



22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" –which means, "God with us."

Matthew 1



36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.



Luke 2

38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the **redemption of Jerusalem.**



Luke 2



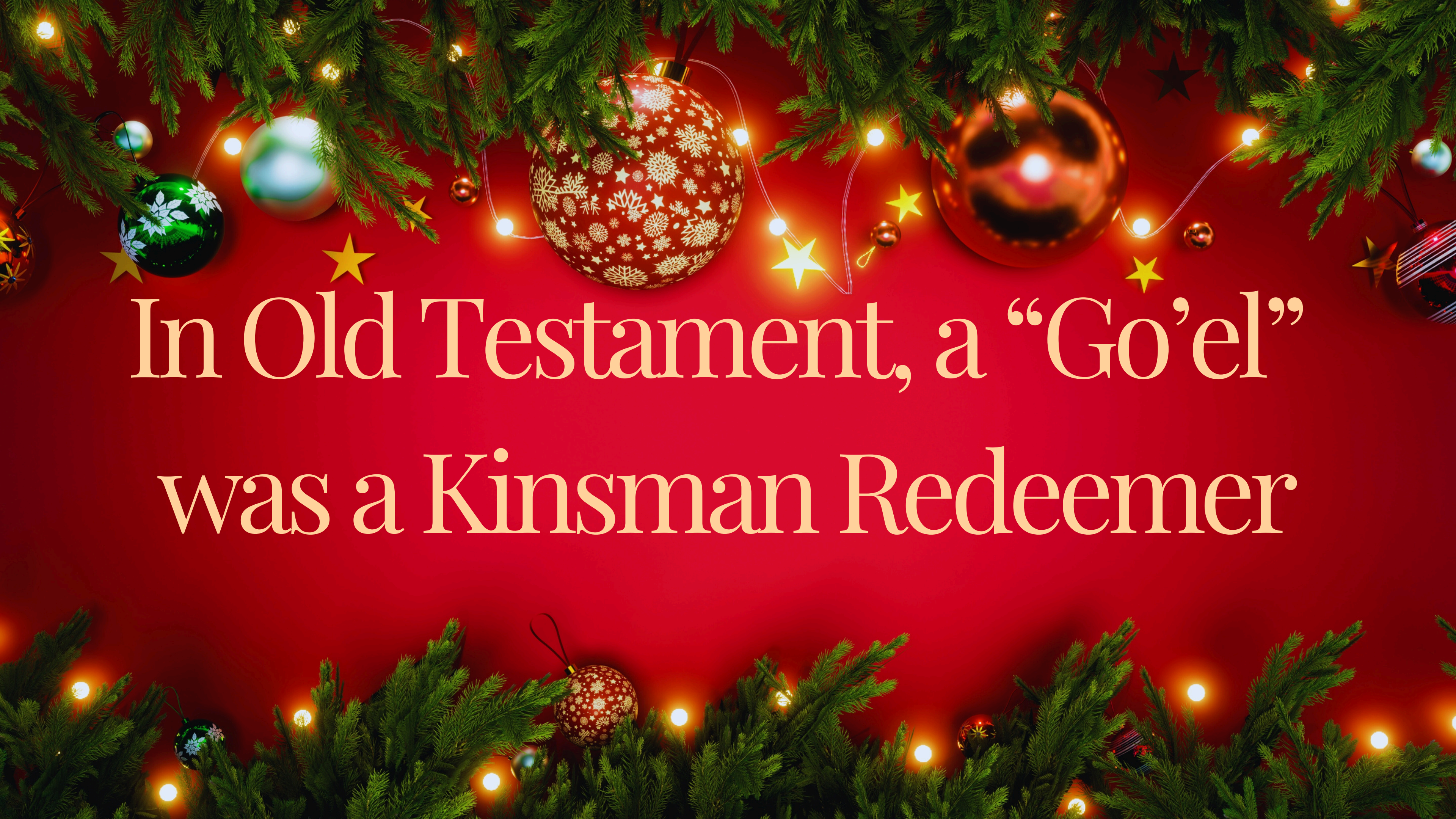
Redemption is not
restoration.



Redemption is a change of
ownership.



In Old Testament, “Geullah”
means “To Redeem”



In Old Testament, a “Go’el”
was a Kinsman Redeemer



In New Testament, the “Gospel”
means “Good News”





“Good news” from “Besorah”
“Redemption” from “Ge’ulah”

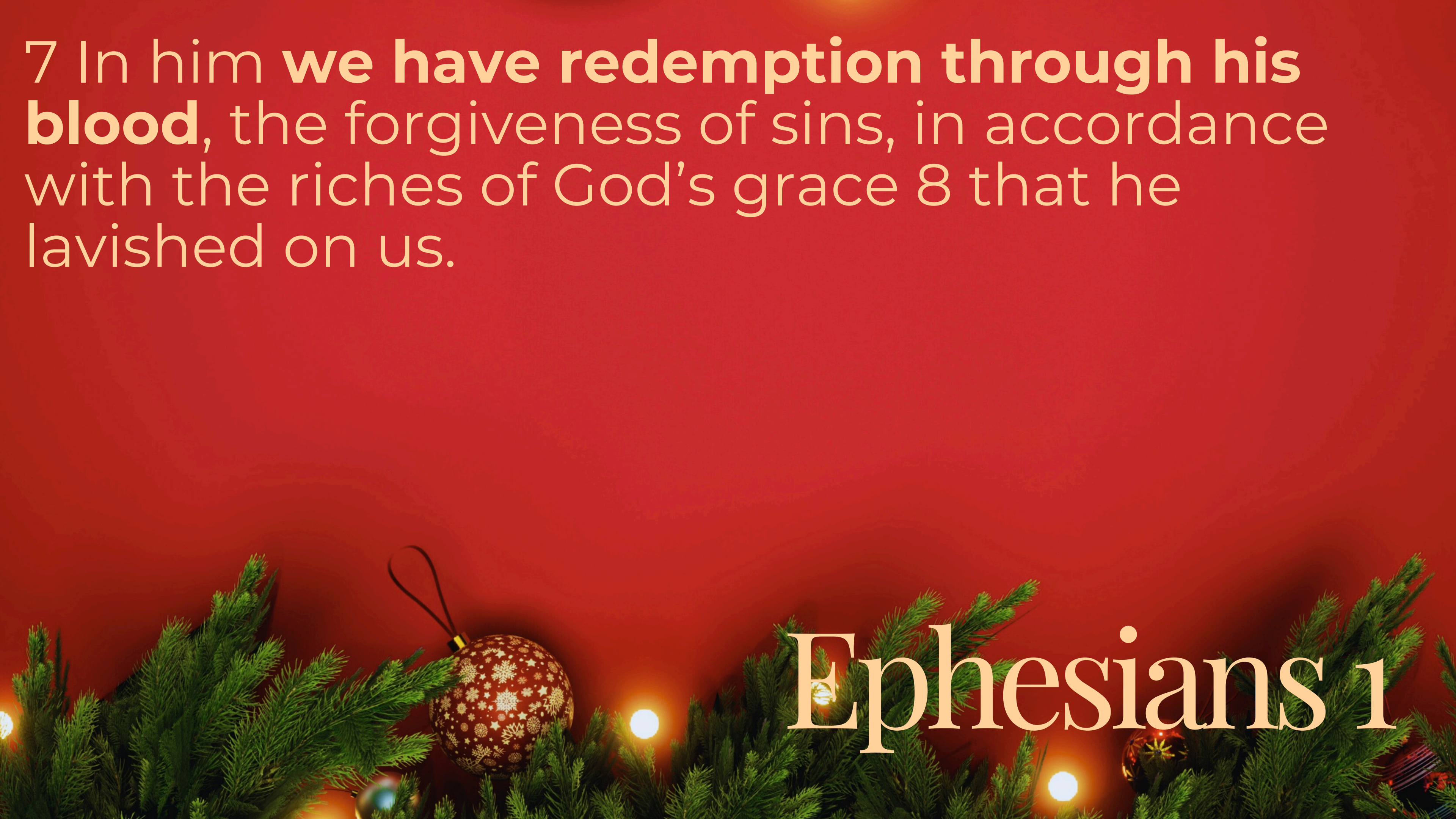


Jesus' birth announced God's
will for humanity's redemption.





7 In him **we have redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us.



Ephesians 1



When Christ died on the cross,
he **REDEEMED** all things.





Redemption is never **EARNED.**

It can only be **RECEIVED.**





Jesus has redeemed Christmas.





Winter Solstice

Mithra on Saturnalia





All things belong to us.

20 “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.” 21 So then, no more boasting about human leaders! **All things are yours,** 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—**all are yours,** 23 and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

1 Corinthians 3





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Redemption is the **TRUE** gift of
Christmas.





Christ can redeem you
this Christmas.

The True Gift of
Christmas

10 All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." 11 Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." 12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them."

Galatians 3



13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." **14** He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Galatians 3



22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Luke 2



25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

Luke 2



When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2





Christmas

Easter

Halloween/Fall Festival

Hymns

The Cross

The Goat