



CHRISTMAS PEOPLE SERIES

Part One: "A People of Comfort and Joy"

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If we see the birth of Christ more clearly,
it will bring us _____ and _____.

WHEN GOD BECAME ONE OF US

"So the Word became HUMAN and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son." John 1:14 (NLT)

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS, who gave himself as a ransom for all men..." 1 Timothy 2:5-6 (NKJV)

"He gave up his divine privileges...and was BORN AS A HUMAN BEING. When he appeared in HUMAN FORM, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." Philippians 2:7-10 (NLT)

Jesus Christ was 100% God and
100% _____ at the same time.

THE EXPERIENCE OF CHRISTMAS PEOPLE

1. *Christmas people experience true* _____.

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with EXCEEDINGLY GREAT JOY!" Matthew 2:10 (KJV)

God became one of us to save us
from _____.

COMFORT AND JOY (Cont'd)

2. *Christmas people experience deep* _____.

"Let us hold firmly to our faith. For we have no superhuman High Priest to whom our weaknesses are unintelligible—he himself has shared fully in all our experience of temptation, except that he never sinned. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need." Hebrews 4:14-16 (JBP)

I experience comfort when I accept
my _____
and serve God from that place.

FATHER GOD, Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for grace. For too long, I've lived without comfort and joy. Forgive my sins and flood me with hope. This Christmas, I confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and I boldly declare that I'll never be bound by despair again. In Christ's Name, AMEN

GATHER AND GROW IN SMALL GROUPS

Open Up: Describe the ideal Christmas experience. Has it ever happened?

Share Scriptures: Let different members share a verse from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: What can we do this week to cultivate deeper joy?

Pray Together: Pray for each group member to be comforted by God.



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