

THE PATTERN OF PEACE

Why Jesus Was Born: Promising Hope
Isaiah 59



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Good news is only ever good news to people who know that they need good news.

The beautiful news of the Christmas season is that God wasn't willing to leave us in this tragic and desperate state. He had every right to make his final response to us be one of judgement, but he wasn't willing. He chose to respond another way, not because of what he saw in us, but because of what was in him. At Christmas we celebrate a God who is glorious in his abundant love and patient mercy. He chose to give grace to those who could never deserve his favor. He chose to rescue those who could not help themselves. He chose to forgive those who had rebelled again and again. He chose to not leave us in our blindness, but to open our eyes. He chose to empower the unable. And because he chose all of these things, he chose to send his Son. The glory of the birth of Jesus becomes even more glorious when it is seen through the humbling lens of the desperate condition that was the reason for his coming. Accept the very bad news of Christmas today, so that you can celebrate even more joyfully its wonderfully good news.

Paul David Tripp, [Come Let Us Adore Him](#), December 5, pages 30, 33

This season, in the midst of all the celebrations and gift-giving, be careful to remember that at the center of what we celebrate is one game-changing, life-altering, hope-giving reality: grace is a person, and his name is Jesus. God knew that nothing else would ever repair what sin had broken, so he gave us the ultimate gift of gifts, the gift of his Son. It's not enough to say that Jesus came to preach grace to us. It is not enough to say that he came to give grace to us. No, Jesus is God's redeeming grace, given to those who without him would have no hope in life or in death. Now that's worth celebrating, not just on one special day, but on every day of your life, and for the rest of eternity too!

Paul David Tripp, [Come Let Us Adore Him](#), December 7, pages 39-40