

## Christmas Is Past, Present, and Future

Christmas is more than just a celebration of a past event,  
however wonderful or important.

The God who came to us as an infant still comes to us  
personally,  
gently,  
quietly,  
now as then.

He still comes to us as marvelous, mysterious Life,  
drawing us toward Himself.

He is still the Light in every dark place,  
the Star shining from the bottomless blackness,  
the fresh glow in every dingy stable.

He still invites the magi and the shepherds,  
the highest and lowest of people.

He still comes in stunning humility,  
yet in unearthly glory.

He is still awe-inspiring in  
His transcendence and  
His simplicity.

The God who came  
is still coming.

And He is coming again.

As before, He will come  
unexpectedly,  
after a seemingly endless wait, and  
at just the right time.

But this time, He will come,  
not quietly,  
but with sound of a trumpet;  
not simply,  
but with all of heaven's angels;  
not in a dark corner,  
but where every eye will see Him.

He will come,  
not as a helpless infant,  
but as sovereign Lord and Judge of all.

The God who came  
is coming and

will come again  
in love,  
to save completely all who will receive Him.

Listen & Sing: "God Is Here among Us"  
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