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Does Christmas Really Change Anything?

Hebrews 2:14–3:1: ^{2:14} “Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. ^{3:1} Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.”

Points to Ponder

1. Why is it so important that Jesus became human like us?
2. Read Hebrews 2:14. This verse calls us God’s children. How does Christmas change our identity?
3. Christmas also changes our status in life. We were once slaves to sin and death; now what are we?
4. Do you find it comforting to know that Jesus understands your troubles and temptations because he is human too?

5. What are some ways that you can better fix your eyes on Jesus in order to grow in your faith as you remember that Christmas changed everything for you?

Christmas changes everything! Jesus made himself human for us—so he could be tempted and understand our troubles, so he could die for our sins so that we can live. Because of Jesus, we are God’s children and no longer slaves to sin and death. We are connected to our loving and merciful God through him.

What else does God say?

John 1:14: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 2:9: But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.