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Msg #1550 Yes, Virginia, There is a Christmas What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice Could I say, without danger of any infringements, yes, Virginia, there is a meaning to Christmas. The LORD God, fulfilled his promise to send his only begotten son because he promised a Messiah who would be the redeemer of mankind. This all important entry into the world, has meaning. Believing these three identities of that child in swaddling clothes is the most important belief in the world. John wrote, "That ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John20:31) Yes, Virginia, there is a Christmas morning. Few Bible students believe that Jesus was born on the Roman Empire's celebration of the longest night. There was, however, a first morning when God was in the flesh and dwelling among us. No greater gift was ever given. Christ's birth was likely in the springtime when shepherds watched their flocks and other passover lambs were born. Yes, Virginia, there is a Christmas message. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son," who said, "I am the way... no man cometh to the Father but by me" (John3:16, 14:6). The climate has indeed changed in America. She would be wise to hear the plea of her Creator, "Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness,... Who knows if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him" (Joel2:12-14). This Christmas, particularly, there are "multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision" (Joel3:14). An Essay for week #50 Dec 13, 2015 Published at [www.theology.gsbaptistchurch.com](http://www.theology.gsbaptistchurch.com) In Your Email see [www.GSBaptistChurch.com](http://www.GSBaptistChurch.com)

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