

LET THIS BE A SIGN . . . '



AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE . . .

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The Christmas sign — GOD IS WITH US — is now or it is not at all. Jesus Christ lived yesterday, lives today and will live forever. A Christ is born to us, as well as to a woman in a cave 2000 years ago.

The Book of Revelation tells us, "Behold the dwelling of God with men, and he will dwell with them. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning nor crying, nor pain any more." (Rev. 21:3,4)

Jesus Christ is born in our time whenever a tear is wiped away; when just men spend them selves for a just peace; when people rejoice together in the unity of friendship; when earthly goods are shared in the spirit of love; when bonds of slavery—to nations or persons or creatures—are broken asunder; when pain is relieved and loneliness dispelled. Christ is born to us when the poor can hear the good news that their brothers really care.

Christmas is whenever men and women extend themselves, their resources, their talents to conquer physical, mental and social disfiguration and death; when they enlighten the paths of the ignorant or show the way of "Good Will" to the proud, the angry, the vengeful, the dishonest.

Christmas is a reality when Christ is known. It is a reality every day of the year, but only when and insofar as we allow him to live in our midst. Then and only then can the children and the shepherds and the poor rejoice—because they have really seen the Savior.

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