

## **The Christmas Season**

The Christmas season began on Christmas Day, and continues for twelve days. Many people make an ending of that which is only a beginning. They feel that once the presents are opened and December 25 has passed that Christmas is over. They take down the tree and get rid of all the symbols of the season, when in fact the season and celebration is just beginning. Advent is intended to be a period of preparation followed by a season of joy.

We don't know when Jesus was born. Many feel that Christ was born in 4 B.C. However, lack of actual historical evidence and errors in the calendar lead to the conclusion that the day, month, or even year of Christ's birth cannot be known.

The actual date of his birth does not matter to Christians. The reality of the incarnation and the fact that he was born does. Christmas comes, then, as a season of great joy, marked by such passages of Scripture as, "*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'*" (Isaiah 9:6).

The color for the Christmas season is white for joy and purity.

**Just a Thought**  
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