

**Why God's Messiah Came**  
**Romans 3:25-26**  
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What is the Christmas Spirit?

One reason that Jesus came, was to heal his family.

God's Messiah, why did he come? What was his mission?

**God Put Forward His Messiah**

The offended party makes the first step.

What does 'Messiah' mean?

God put forth his Son, our Messiah - to heal the family issues.

**As a Propitiation by his Blood**

A painful, costly, price often needs to be paid to reconcile family.

Propitiation is the price that was paid, and the resulting peace that is achieved.

**What is propitiation?**

It is the taking away of just wrath, and so making propitious - favorable, again.

Our Messiah took all the wrong, and absorbed it into himself.

**To be Received by Faith**

The gift of reconciliation is freely and sincerely offered to all.

Can we change?

What does this faith look like?

Maybe we can't change, but God can change us.

When you embrace that gift, you realize, 'I need to change.'

Our Messiah came to reconcile the fallen world to himself. To heal the family.

**To Show God's Righteousness**

What is Righteousness?

So, here is the problem: Sin must be punished, but his people must be saved.

How can God work that out?

**Divine Forbearance**

God did not immediately deal with sin. Why?

What is a Theodicy?

Through the blood and righteousness of our Messiah, sinners can come home.

God's Messiah's mission was more than merely the forgiveness of sins.

He gives the broken and the flawed, the estranged, a new status.

God is just, and the justifier to everyone who believes.

Our Messiah came to make the family whole again.

Our Messiah came so that we might come home again, for Christmas.