

The High Cost Of Christmas

Christmas is expensive!

The average household will spend just north of \$900 this year for Christmas. That's over \$104 Billion in America alone!

But beyond the monetary cost we incur every year, there's a much higher cost to Christmas that has nothing to do with money. It involves a cost both to the Giver and to the receiver.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit paid a high price. The Father gave up His only beloved Son. Jesus gave up His splendor and renounced His title and humbled Himself as a lowly servant, ultimately paying the price of His life for our sin, and the Spirit continues to give as He woos us towards righteousness, and pays a high price when we grieve Him by rejecting His wooing.



But there's also a high price to the receiver. Salvation is freely given, but it's certainly not free. There's a denial to self and a denial to stuff that's required of us. There's a cost of allowing Him to not just be our Savior (cleansing us from our sins), but our Lord (dying to ourselves and allowing Him full reign over our beings). It requires full surrender to Him and giving Him complete authority in and over our lives.

The story of Christmas is a story of redemption and salvation from our sins. Much too high a price was paid for us to treat it cheaply. May we not diminish this priceless gift given to us by the Trinity by living our lives in any way less than total surrender to Him who totally surrendered His all for us.

Christmas is expensive. Let's not shy away from paying the price necessary to value what's been so freely and undeservedly given to us by the One who loved us first and loves us completely.