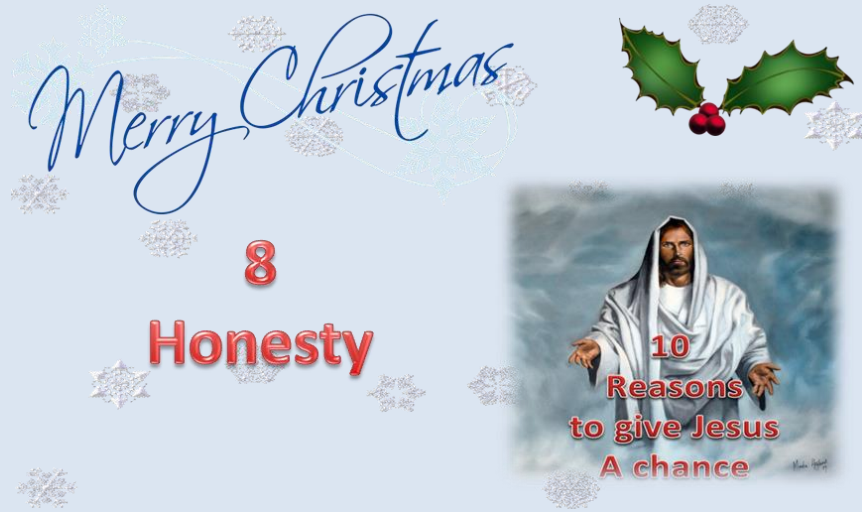


10 Reasons to give Jesus a chance



Honesty (Matthew 15:11)

“it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.”

Honestly speaking I have become so much more than I ever envisioned in the last 14 years. Meeting Jesus was more than I thought it would be. I thought I would carry a Bible around and go to church all the time. I would be a soft marshmallow spouting Holy Scripture and being overly kind to everybody. Well I am all that to some degree, but I also found out that I exist and that I have purpose in this world. The main thing is that I have also found honesty.

I realized soon after becoming a Christian that it's not all about honesty in the Christian world. What is written in the Bible is not what Christians do half the time. A Pastor once told me to live two lives: the one people see and the real one. That is not honesty. It made me think that image and honesty go together. We all wear masks to hide the real you. We all tell enough truth to save face. That is a shame because Jesus does not work that way.

Would you be interested in being the real you all the time: maybe or maybe not. Jesus said the truth shall set you free. Those are great words. Isn't being free of the lies, the deception, and the fake life we are told to live worth something? Someone told me that Jesus honesty got him killed. Maybe, but Jesus felt he was free to be Jesus not a fake person. I have gone on a journey of being me in the last two years. Some hate it and some have found that I am cool. I have found that I am cool. This Christmas maybe the greatest gift you could receive is “you.” All Jesus wants to do is help you find who you really are and give you the confidence to be that person. Isn't that honestly worth something?