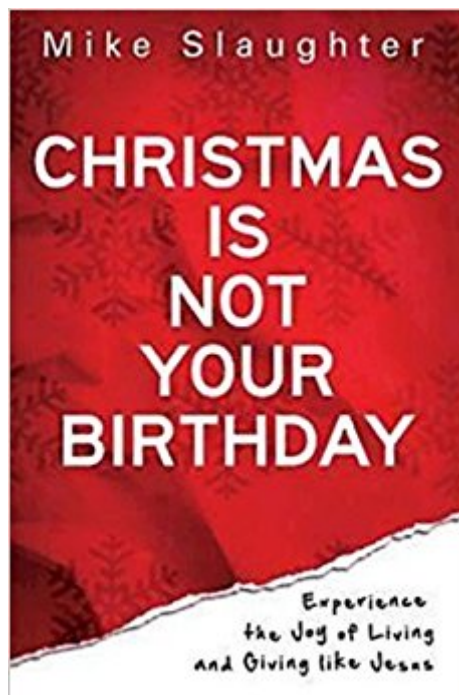




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# Christmas Is Not Your Birthday: Experience The Joy Of Living And Giving Like Jesus



## Synopsis

Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season—Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. Overspending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob us of our peace and joy and rob Jesus of his rightful role as the center of our celebration. This Christmas, cut through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us. In five short, engaging chapters, Pastor Mike Slaughter inspires readers to approach Christmas differently, and be transformed in the process.

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## Customer Reviews

Mike Slaughter is the Pastor Emeritus at Ginghamburg Church. Under his leadership, Ginghamburg Church has become known as an early innovator of small group ministry, the Church "media reformation," and cyber-ministry. Mike is the author of multiple books for church leaders, including *Down to Earth*, *The Passionate Church*, *Change the World*, *Dare to Dream*, *Renegade Gospel*, *A Different Kind of Christmas*, *Spiritual Entrepreneurs*, *Real Followers*, *Momentum for Life*, *UnLearning Church*, and *Upside Living in a Downside Economy*.

United Methodist pastor and author Michael Slaughter shows how we have far strayed from the message of Jesus in the celebration of His birth. In this book, Rev. Slaughter encourages Christians

to give Jesus what He wants for His birthday - "you--your time, your talent, and your treasure--used in service to others." Slaughter makes a strong biblical case that this is what Jesus really wants from us, and he spends much of the book imploring us to pay attention. He admits his own failings in doing so but also provides specific examples of how his church has changed their Christmas celebration to respond more appropriately to Jesus' birthday wish - and what great things have come out of it. There are a few practical tips in the final chapter but ultimately, this book seeks to re-frame your vision of what it means to celebrate Christmas and to honor Jesus Christ by focusing on what the Bible says Jesus has asked of us.

I bought this book because of the subtitle (Experience the Joy of Living and Giving Like Jesus) and because of the reviews. The subtitle is oddly deceptive and the bulk of the reviews are inexplicable. This book (a 91 page pamphlet, really) is a collection of maxims on life and a surface level gospel message, mixed with Slaughter's views on any number of other topics, all wrapped in a red and green bow to support the title. This is not a book about Christmas or giving any more than the Cat in the Hat is a book on pet care. I couldn't find a cohesive theme. There are several scripture quotes on any number of topics, but he uses these as a jumping off point to then expound on his personal observations, and seldom are scriptures used to defend a claim or teaching. For instance, at the bottom of page 5 he provides a dictionary definition of a 'Miracle', explains further what a miracle would look like and then concludes that "God wants to birth a miracle through you." No scriptural support for this in here and yet 'birthing a miracle' becomes an extended topic of the book. There are any number of good books on the dangers of consumerism, especially from the Christian justice angle, that would be more useful and timely than this one. From the reviews I was hoping for an analysis of the difficulty in observing Christmas in a culture saturated by a consumer mindset, but instead got a pamphlet full of trite warnings. I think the reviews are a prime example of why friends and family members should not be allowed to write book reviews.

Wonderful bible study book. I would recommend.

thought provoking.

This book surprised me and made me think about the Christmas craziness. It also eased my guilt of not being able to buy everyone the best gift.

I loved the messages and the thoughts, but the writing style makes it a bit hard to follow. A little all over the place. Still will review it each year at Christmas to help me focus in on the true meaning.

The book was good and the focus was much appreciated. But at times it seemed overly focused on making you feel bad for enjoying the holiday season. This was especially true of the companion video from Mike Slaughter.

Used in an adult Sunday School Class. Elicited great conversation! Lots of soul searching by everyone of us in the class.

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