



WELCOME TO THE

Christmas

PARTY



**God is a
God of Celebrations!**



**God celebrates
*redemptive things.***



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when lost things are found.



God celebrates
when broken things get fixed.

The background features a dark red sky filled with numerous golden string lights that create a warm, festive atmosphere. At the bottom of the image, there is a row of golden line-art pine trees of various sizes, some with intricate branch details. The overall composition is centered and balanced, with the text prominently displayed in the middle.

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Paul reflects to the Colossians (1:15):

“He is the visible expression of the invisible God,...”

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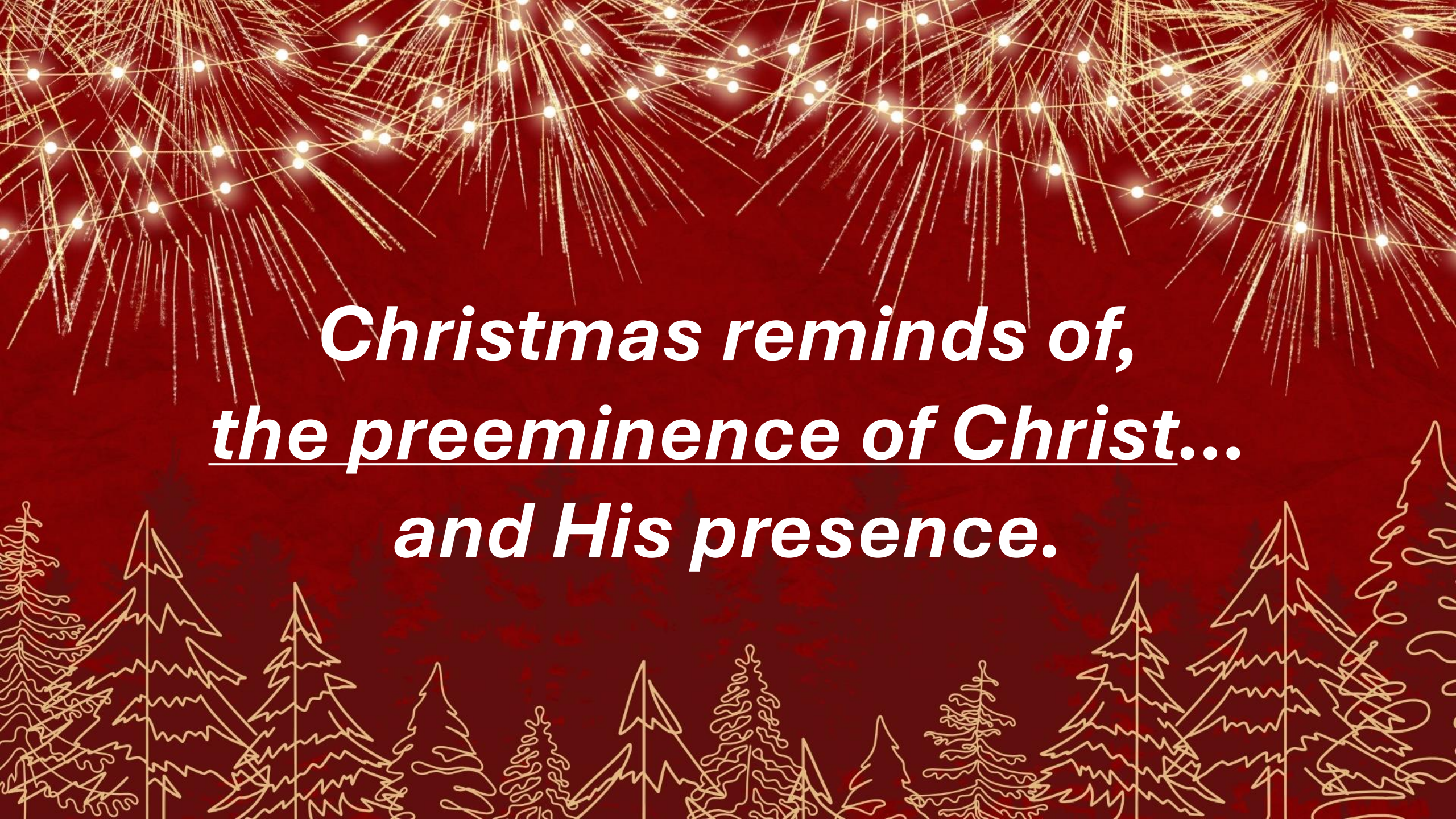
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***Christmas reminds of,
the sufficiency of God...***



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the preeminence of Christ...
and His presence.***

Philippians 2:1-11

- 1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,
- 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
- 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.



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Names that identify Jesus for who He is:

Advocate: I John 2:1

Alpha and Omega: Rev. 1:8

Bread of life: John 6:32

Chief Shepherd: I Peter 5:4

Chief Cornerstone: Eph. 2:20

Holy One: Acts 3:14

The Just One: Acts 7:52

Lamb of God: Rev. 13:8

Light of the World: John 8:12

Lion of Judah: Rev. 5:5

Man of Sorrows: Isaiah 53:3

Morning Star: Rev. 22:16

Rock: I Corinthians 10:4

Shepherd of our souls:

I Peter 2:25

Son of David: Matthew 1:1

Word: John 1:1

Fountain of Living Water:

John 4:10

True Vine: John 15:1

Isaiah 9:6-7

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The Hebrew "**pele**" - something that is extraordinary, marvelous, or beyond human understanding. Used to describe the wondrous acts of God, which inspire awe and reverence; "**pele**" signifies divine intervention or miraculous events that reveal God's power and majesty.

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The Hebrew term "**gibbor**" is used to describe individuals who possess great strength, bravery, or valor. Refers to warriors or heroes who demonstrate exceptional prowess in battle. The word can also denote someone who is mighty in terms of influence or power, not just physical strength.

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The Hebrew term “**ahd**” reflects a worldview that sees time as both linear and cyclical, with God's eternal presence as a constant source. This understanding is crucial as we rely on God's eternal covenant and promises for our identity and our hope.

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The Hebrew term "**sar**" of "**shalom**" is used to denote a person of authority or leadership. It is often translated as "prince" or "ruler" and can refer to various types of leaders, including military commanders, government officials, or tribal chiefs.

"Shalom" is the deep abiding peace that only God can supply.

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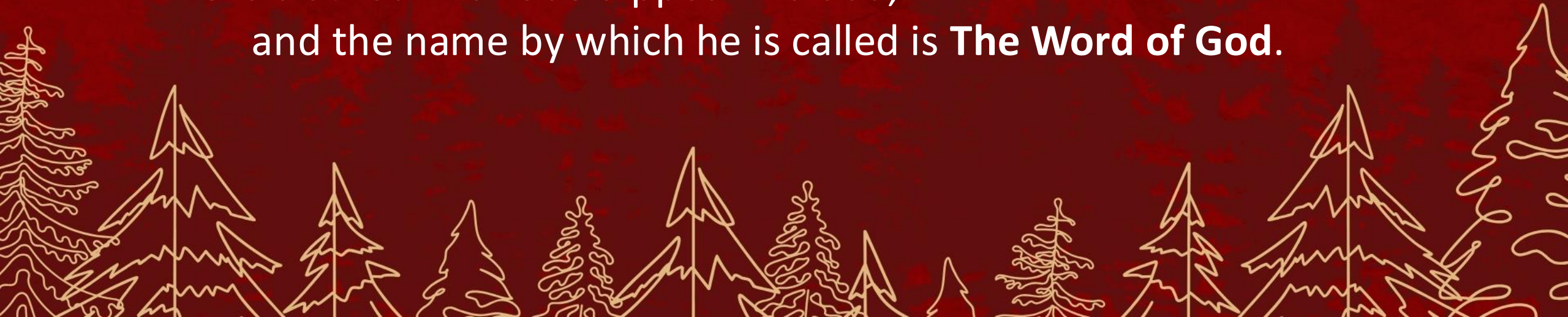
Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse!

The one sitting on it is called **Faithful and True**,
and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems,
and He has a name written that no one knows but Himself.

¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood,
and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God**.



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