

Trees From Every Nation

Scripture Reading — John 3:13-17

"Everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:15 —

Last December our family visited the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. On display there were hundreds of Christmas trees representing many countries of the world. Each tree bore the flag of a different nation and was decorated with items that identified that country and its Christmas traditions.

The display was a powerful reminder that people around the world celebrate Christmas.

It was also a reminder of the words of the angel to the shepherds in Luke 2:10-11: "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Through Christ there is life. As the Savior of the world, Christ came to give life to all who believe in him. As our reading for today reminds us, "everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." This is good news for all people.

Christmas trees are usually evergreen trees because they symbolize the everlasting life available for all who believe in Christ. The Christmas trees at the museum we visited also reminded us that the Savior was born to be God's gift to all people, from every country and culture, tribe and nation. He came to bring God's salvation and to spread it throughout the world.

Prayer

Dear Lord, we often forget that you came to give everlasting life to people of all nations who believe in you. Help us to share your good news with all people. In your name, Amen.

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