

Christmas Carol

In 1843 Charles Dickens wrote his classic A Christmas Carol. It described a lost soul named Ebenezer Scrooge whose loveless life was as bitter as the dead sea.



Three spectral visitations changed his heart in one night. Awaking the next morning, he threw open his window and shutters and discovered to his joy that there was still time to make things right.

The world of Charles Dickens was filled with selfish and sinful people which he used as modeling clay for his well known imaginary characters. The darkness and disparity between the classes is not something new. Some saw the book as an indictment of the heartless industrial capitalism of his day. Scrooge lived in a world of the “counting house,” but needed an intervention to show him how bankrupt he was.



May the true Spirit of Christmas visit us all this season and remind us that Christmas is Christ.

Although He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor that through His poverty we might become rich. Many will read Dickens again this Christmas, and sing Christmas Carols. Someone will read the words of God and discover that there is still time to throw open the shutters of unbelief and let the real Spirit of Christmas come in.

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