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One of his songs about Christmas is titled, "Christmas Is ..." Some of the lyrics go like this:

*Christmas is sleigh bells, Christmas is sharing,
Christmas is holly, Christmas is caring.*

*Christmas is children who just can't go to sleep.
Christmas is memories, the kind you always keep.*

Deck the halls and give a cheer, For all the things that Christmas is each year.

*Christmas is carols to warm you in the snow. Christmas is bedtime when no one wants to go.
All the world is tinsel bright. So glad to know that Christmas is tonight!*

These are lovely sentiments, and they bring back memories of Christmases we've shared with our loved ones.

But perhaps there is more to Christmas than what Percy Faith describes.

Christmas is expectation.

Christmas is joy.

Christmas is "God with us!"

Christmas is hope.

Christmas is the coming of the Messiah.

Christmas is fulfillment of prophecy.

Christmas is peace.

Christmas is ... *Christ!*

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Christmas is so many things to so many people. Much of Christmas has to do with outward display. But, my prayer is that Christmas might fill my heart with all its joy, hope and peace. Thank you, God, for Christmas and for the Christ of Christmas! Amen.

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