

THE COLORFUL CHRISTMAS

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Christmas is a colorful season. Although many people wish for a white Christmas. Even those who has no snow season will decorate their Christmas trees with artificial flakes.

You may know that white is the combination of all the colors. If you shine light through a prism, you'll see a spectram of rays just like the colors of a rainbow. Thus colors can only be seen in light. In darkness, you can't see anything at all.

In the biginning, God created a colorful world, However, sin appeared, the would became dark and our eyes became blind until Jesus came. He was like' the rising sun to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the path of peace. '

Many of us had this experience when we were saved. Suddenly on that day, the grass was greener, the flowers prettier, the birds sang more beautifully and the strangers passing by were more lovely. It was because our spiritual eyes were opened and we were walking in the light. However, we dropped into depression again after the exciting period was over. We were like a self-pitying child who left his

family and the color-TV in the living room and crept up to the attic to watch an old broken black and white TV alone. If you knew you were abnormal, it wouldn't hurt you too much; the dreadful thing was that you felt you were more righteous and enjoying the situation.

Perhaps human beings' worst weakness is to be passive. We see the pure white as blandness, the majestic black as death. The youthful green is jealousy and the passionate red is war. The royal purple is suspicious andnesr the bright yellow is timidity. The heavenly blue is sad and the strong brown is violence. As you can see, any beautiful color can be interpreted as an ugly sensation.

When the shepherds kept watch over their flocks at night and heard the good news of the Savior's birth, the glory of the Lord shone around them. Those poor shepherds in gray suddenly changed into brilliant colors. In the same way, our hearts will become radiant when the Lord lives with us. Therefore, I can tolerate the gawdy colors during this Christmas season in the shopping malls. Christmas is colorful after all, because it is the celebration of our Lord who is the radiance of God's glory. 