



## What's your **BUT** like?

We all have butts. Some people have small butts, others have large butts and some like to think they don't have butts. The reality is that having a butt is just part of the human condition. We can't escape them, especially this time of year, when we tend to pay a little more attention to our butts. At New Years we try to get out butts in shape by making resolutions. Although we have good intentions, inevitably, our butts get in the way. What we need is a saviour, someone who can take our butts away and make the changes we can't make ourselves.

The good news is that God cares about your butt. In fact he came to save your butt. God doesn't waste energy. The very fact that God sent a saviour into the world at Christmas means we need one. Despite our best effort we can't get rid of our butts on our own. We have all tried and failed. We exercise our butts off and don't see results, which is why we are so frustrated. We are all looking for that one thing that gives us a sense of fulfillment, purpose, and peace in life. The answer does not lie in a place, a program, a paycheck or a pill. The answer is a person: Jesus Christ. God made you and because of that he cares about you.

What a lot of people don't realize is that God also has a butt. "**BUT** I have come so that you may have life and live it to the full" (John 10:10, God's Word Translation). The key to unlocking the power to transform your life is wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. When we accept Jesus into our personal lives, he gives us the power of the Holy Spirit who has the ability to transform us. The Holy Spirit helps get our butts in gear. Life has new meaning and purpose. We experience a joy that starts now and lasts forever. We put aside our old sinful butts and are given new butts (Ephesians 4:22-24). For "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, **BUT** Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2:20). That is the key to finding life's ultimate happiness. It is a gift that is offered each of us, but we need to accept it.

However, accepting Christ can be challenging. Life is difficult, even when we have faith. We get lost and fill the stables of our hearts with our butts. The message of Christmas is that God doesn't care. He comes knocking at the door of our hearts and ask if there is room in the inn. He is happy to help us clean up the mess our butts have made. It may be difficult and takes time, but if you let him in, prepare to be amazed.

## *Merry Christmas!*

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