

December 31, 2023
“The Other Side Of Christmas!”
(Luke 2:21-40)

We’re on the other side of Christmas. That means the Christmas _____ will soon be turning into Christmas _____!

We enjoyed the special music, lights and decorations, now it’s back to the _____ world!

Our God is not _____ of human _____. He’s not afraid of _____!

1.- A _____ of What Lay Ahead.

A man named _____ prophesied what lay ahead.

Mary and Joseph brought a sacrifice of a pair of _____ or two young _____.

The Lord revealed to Simeon that he would not _____ before he saw the _____.

2. – A _____ from God.

Christmas is wonderful, but it is only a small part of a much bigger _____ ... the drama of _____!

There would be no reason for _____ if there were no other side to the story.

The manger speaks to the _____ of God, but not nearly as eloquently as does the _____!

The _____, shepherds, wise men, Mary & Joseph, and the babe are one _____ of the drama of _____.

(over)

They have little meaning without the last act, the _____ and the _____!

3. – Heartache, but also _____.

Many people hope that the _____ of the season will take away their _____.

Our hope is in a God who loves us enough to take our _____ upon himself!

A _____ might pierce Mary’s soul, but it’s the sword of God’s eternal _____!

That purpose is that you and I, and all creation, would know the _____ of God!

Even on THIS side of Christmas!