

# CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT...

Sunday, December 20, 2020  
AM Worship Service  
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**Text Passage:** Hebrews 1:1-3

## DO WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE CELEBRATING?

### Christmas is about...

- Christ
- Salvation
- God's grace and forgiveness
- Eternity
- Freedom from sin, death, and hell

## GOD \_\_\_\_\_ THE WORLD FOR JESUS

- God \_\_\_\_\_.

*Christianity is distinct from all other religions in that Christianity claims that God Himself came into the box and adopted a physical form in order to tell us about life outside the box.*

*Because man by himself is incapable of identifying, comprehending, or understanding God at all, God has to invade the world of man to speak to him about Himself. – John MacArthur*

⌚ **Genesis 3:8; Genesis 5:24**

Though God did not speak to every man personally, His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ has resounded from His creation.

⌚ **Romans 1:20**

- **God spoke in various \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Dreams and visions
  - Metaphors, parables, and stories
  - Types and symbols
  - Angels
  - Prophets
  - Scripture
  - Directly to men
  
- **God spoke in various \_\_\_\_\_.**
  
- **God spoke through His \_\_\_\_\_.**

☉ Amos 3:7; II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21

## **GOD \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS TO THE WORLD.**

*A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes, does various unessential things, and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside is not a bad picture of Advent.*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, imprisoned by Hitler

Christmas, the Advent or coming of Christ, means God has once for all swung open the door of our personal \_\_\_\_\_.

Christmas is about \_\_\_\_\_!

- **God has also spoken to us by His \_\_\_\_\_.**

God's message to man was incomplete without His Son.

- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John narrate His story, the events of His earthly life.
- The letters or epistles comment and more fully explain what we learned in the gospels.
- The Revelation foretells the crowning glory of the Lord

\_\_\_\_\_ is the big picture.

🕒 **II Corinthians 1:20**

- **God has also spoken in these last \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Though God has spoken to man in a variety of ways down through history, He has now, in the last days, spoken to us through His Son the Messiah and His message is complete.*

- **God has spoken to \_\_\_\_\_ His fullness in Christ.**

*Just think, every promise God has ever made finds its fulfillment in Jesus. God doesn't just give us grace; He gives us Jesus, the Lord of grace. If it's peace, it's only found in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Even life itself is found in the Resurrection and the Life. Christianity isn't all that complicated... it's Jesus.*

**CONCLUSION - THREE CHRISTMAS TRUTHS:**

1. **Christmas is not merely a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Songs, good feelings, beautiful liturgies, nice presents, big dinners, and sweet words do not make Christmas. Christmas is saying yes to something beyond all emotions and feelings. Christmas is saying yes to a hope based on God's initiative, which has nothing to do with what I think or feel. Christmas is believing that the salvation of the world is God's work and not mine.*

2. **Jesus is much more than a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*John 1:14*

3. **Christmas is about giving \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matthew 4:16*

God has a way of sending a signal of light to remind us life is stronger than death. Light is more powerful than darkness.

**Christmas is about Jesus becoming your light!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Annual Christmas Program**

Thank you for joining us today for our Annual Christmas Program. We hope you will enjoy the songs from our choir and orchestra, and a special message from Pastor Armstrong. A mask only service is available in the FLC if you are interested. The program will be livestreamed on the screens. See an usher for directions.

### **Christmas Card Table**

There is a table in the lobby for you to drop off or pick up your Christmas cards. A volunteer at the table will be more than happy to help you. Please see Tabitha if you have any questions. Sunday, December 27th, is your last chance to pick up your Christmas cards.

### **Christmas Schedule**

There will be no Growth Groups or evening service tonight and December 27th. There will only be the 10:00 AM worship service.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

On Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 PM we will gather in the main auditorium for our annual Christmas Eve service. There will be no nursery for this service. It is a family time when Pastor and Mrs. Armstrong give all children a small gift.

### **Health Reminder**

Please continue to observe physical distancing guidelines. It is important that we do not hug, give kisses, or offer handshakes during this period. Let's ensure the health and safety of all members and visitors.

### **Secret Sister Ministry**

Be sure to stop by the Secret Sister table in the lobby. There are many gifts still on the table. At this time, this ministry is going to take a break for the 2021 year.

### **2020 Giving Records**

Next Sunday we will have an insert with more information on how you can receive your 2020 giving record (*paper, email, or online*).