

Sunday – December 20, 2020.

Our Verses for the day: Luke 1:76-78 (KJV) ⁷⁶ And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; ⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, ⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

WHY CHRIST MATTHEW 1:18-25

As we draw near to the Christmas day, let us stop and ask ourselves the question: WHY CHRIST? or WHY DO WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

To answer these questions, we must look at the purpose of Christ's coming.

In Matthew 1:21 he came to SAVE HIS PEOPLE! But How? Christ came to show us the way, what to do and how to do it? The question is, are we doing it?

I. HE WAS GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

Never before or since has such a gift been given.

A. He gave up all (He left Heaven)

B. He came to earth to save.

II. HE IS GOD'S GREATEST TEACHER, EVEN AT 12 YEARS OLD

HE STARTED TEACHING: Luke 2:47-50 ⁴⁷ And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. ⁴⁹ And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be

about my Father's business? ⁵⁰ And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

1. He taught us how to love.

Good Samaritan

2. He taught us how to live. High morals, clean living.

Love everyone

3. He taught us how to serve God.

A. following him (Temptations)

B. setting the Example

C. Giving.

4. He taught us how to forgive.

III. HE WAS THE GREATEST SACRIFICE GOD EVER HAD TO ACCEPT.

Luke 23:³⁴ Then said Jesus, *Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.* And they parted his raiment and cast lots.

Have you ever thought about how God felt when his son was killed because we did not want the gift? (We gave the gift back.)

IV. HE IS OUR ONLY SAVIOUR OUR GREATEST GIFT

A. NOT THE WORLD

B. NOT OUR JOBS

C. NOT OUR FAMILIES

How will we treat him this year?

- 1. Instead of giving Him something, we give to others.**
- 2. Many will think more about Santa than Jesus.**
- 3. Whatever we put first in our lives will become our god.**

SO WHY DO WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

- 1. He came to save his people.**
- 2. He came to teach us how to follow Him?**
- 3. The world said, we do not want Him.**
- 4. What will we say to Him over the next 5 days?**

As we move through COVID-19, keep in mind that Jesus came to show us what Christmas is all about, let us share it with our neighbor.

Today, December 19, as you pray, pray for the church services tomorrow. Pray that Christ will be preached to the lost and dying world.

Pastor Larry Vickery

PO Box 133

South Heart, ND 58655

Cell: 701 260 5940

Email: ldvickery@gmail.com