

Our Verses for the day: Galatians 4:4-5 (KJV) ⁴ But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Our devotion today as with each Saturday is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for December 13, 2020.

WHY DID JESUS COME?

Matthew 5:17-20 (CHRISTMAS)

As we approach this Christmas season, we are dealing with different ideas and concepts.

Some are still trying to decide what to buy each other, some are trying to decide how to pay for what we have bought, and some are still trying to figure out why we bought what we did. Way too often we put too much emphases upon the material things of Christmas and not enough upon the real meaning of Christmas.

As we draw near to this day, let us turn our thoughts to the true meaning of Christmas and ask ourselves the question, WHY DID JESUS COME?

Did he come so we might have a holiday?

Did he come so we might have a holy day?

Did he come so we might commit to the jolly fat man?

Did he come so the merchants might get richer?

All these needs answered with a negative answer, why did he come?

1. HE CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW NOT TO DESTROY IT. (MT 5:17)

There are many people that would say that Jesus destroyed the Old Testament and thus it is of no value to us. This is not so, because

Jesus tells us that He came to fulfill it, explain it, and give us the true meaning.

God did not mean for the OT to become a law book, or a base for a law book.

The OT law was a perfect law before man defiled it and made it a legal law.

The Jews based their salvation on keeping the law and not faith in God. This is the reason Jesus said our faith must exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees. OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS MUST BE ON FAITH, NOT OUR FAITH ON OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

2. HE CAME TO GLORIFY HIS FATHER

Jesus says in John 17:4 **"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."** From this verse we gather that Jesus did not come to glorify Himself, but His father which is in heaven. Jesus would not receive any credit, but always gave it to His father. Are we following the example of Christ and glorifying the Father? Can the lost see Jesus in us?

3. HE CAME TO SHOW US THE LIFE OF FAITH: John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. He could say, THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK, I SPEAK NOT OF MYSELF." His faith was in His Father, and so the Father acted through Him.

The words that we speak, are they of ourselves, or are they of the Lord? Do we follow the example of Jesus and speak the words of faith, or do we speak what we want to speak?

4. HE CAME TO REVEAL A LIFE OF SELF-DENIAL, John 8:50 And I seek not mine own glory: So truly human was Christ that he might have sought His own glory, but He did not. He came to seek and to save the unsaved people.

He came so we might have eternal life, by following the life that He lived. And this means denying self and following Him all the way. Luke 9:23 says: **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**

5. HE CAME TO SUFFER AND DIE: Mark 8:31: And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and be killed, and after 3 days rise again"

Jesus knew what He must do to save man. He knew what would happen to Him before this.

- A. **suffer many things.**
- B. **rejected of the elders, chief priests and scribes.**
- C. **and be killed.**

As we look on Jesus and see what he went through, what are we willing to do today?

Are we willing to suffer, die, or whatever for him?

6. HE CAME, AND HE WILL COME AGAIN.... Matthew 25:31
When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.

When Jesus was here the first time, he was in the form of a human, but not so when he reappears. He will be a King in the highest form.

It will be a personal appearing; he will be coming to;

1. Raise the dead, graves will open up
2. To change the living
3. To take vengeance on them who obey not the gospel.
4. To destroy all evil, sinners included
5. To reward the faithful
6. To rule for ever.

Coming to the end, are we all ready to celebrate his birth, are we willing to celebrate the second coming?

Closing:

Are you doing what God wants you to do? Jesus came to show us the way and prepare the way, what are we willing to do?

As we move through COVID-19, keep in mind that Jesus came to show us what Christmas is all about.

Today, December 12, as you pray, pray that we will remember the true meaning of Christmas and for the pastors that will be preaching the Bible tomorrow.

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