

CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2006
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OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS STORY

MATTHEW 2:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

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Part 2 of 4

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship

Introduction to the Text; Matthew 2:1-2

Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

Matthew 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

**"IMAGINE A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT
JESUS CHRIST"**

1.) There would be *no real faith*

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE FAITH

1a.) Not really! - Because Christmas is the *Word*

The Word is "Christmas" and Christmas is the "Word"

John 1:1-4,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. **:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

No Real Faith Because...

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE FAITH

1b.) Not really! - Because Christmas is the *Person*

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name *Immanuel*.

1John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— **2** the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— **3** that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

That Name of Jesus Christ

Phil. 2:5

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him **the name** which is above every name, **10** that **at the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and *that* every tongue should confess **that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE FAITH

1c.) Not really, Because Christmas is the *Experience*

By Experience, I Mean Relationship, Which Results in "Action"

We've Been Told to **"Show & Tell"**

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: *"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

Example of This...

Mark 5:19-20

However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, **"Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."** **20** And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

Because We've Got "Good News"

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us

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2.) *There would be **no true Hope***

Matthew 1:21-22

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will **save His people from their sins.**" :22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"* which is translated, **"God with us."**

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE HOPE

2a.) *Because the Christ of Christmas extends **Mercy***

Mercy Brings Hope!

Heb. 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain **mercy** and find grace to help in time of need.

What Is Mercy?

Not getting what is deserved = Christmas is the announcement of Mercy

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE HOPE

2b.) *Because the Christ of Christmas gives **Grace***

Grace Brings Hope !

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, *but* **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ.

2John 3

Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Have You Looked to See How the Bible Ends?

Revelation 22:21

The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE HOPE

2c.) *Because the Christ of Christmas brings **Peace***

Peace Brings Hope !

The Announcement of His Birth Promised Peace.

!!But There is No Peace in the World!!

Luke 2:11-14

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” :**13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: **14** “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (***peace be to those on whom his favor has come or rests or has been received.***)

You Will Become Like **the Message** You Follow.

"What Is Your Message, That You Follow"

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3.) *There would be **no true Love***

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE LOVE

3a.) *Why? - Because true Love involves **Willfulness***

Galatians 4:4-5a

But when the fullness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law, :**5** To redeem them that were under the law,

God sent forth his Son

2 Peter 3: 9

The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE LOVE

3b.) Why? - Because true Love involves *Sacrifice*

As Jesus Neared His Death

John 12:27

"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. **28** Father, glorify Your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have both glorified *it* and will glorify *it* again."

The Mission of Baby Jesus was to Grow Up and to...
Tell Us About God / To Show Us The Father / To Purchase the Pass

Hebrews 9:11

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. **12** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. **13** For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, **14** how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **15** And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE LOVE

3c.) Why? - Because true Love involves *Determination*

The Christmas Story is The Communication of Heart of God.

That God Determined to Reveal Himself to Mankind

John 14:6-9

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. **:7** "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." **:8** Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." **:9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father;

It's - What's in The Heart of the Father?

Christmas Is;
God the Father Determined to Show Us His Love.
In and by His Son - Jesus Christ.

1 John 4:19

We love Him - because He first loved us.

The Invitation to Christmas

*I Would like to Personally Invite You
to Join Me in Heaven...*

Your Response is Required

If You Need Ministry of Any Kind

**As soon as this song is over, you come forward today, and experience God's
mercy and grace in your own life.**

End of Study