

# THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE SERIES 2008

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

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## **“WHY WE WORSHIP HIM”**

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### Part 3/4

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**Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship**

Introduction to the Text;

**Luke 1:49**

**“State Contextual Summation and Theme”**

## WHY *We* WORSHIP HIM ?

Christmas is Celebrated Around the World  
and by More People Than Any Other Religious Holiday of the Year.

But What or Whom is Being Celebrated?

The Early Church Never Celebrated or Recognized Jesus' Birth on a  
Particular Day of the Year.

For The Early Church, The Meaning of His Coming was a Constant

## It's Not the Date, But The Reason, The Purpose That Mattered & Matters

**John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 6:23**

For God so loved the world that **He gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ...For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God*, ...For **the gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**SO WHEN "WE" SAY -- MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT**

### The Song or Magnificant of Mary

**Luke 1:46-55**

And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, (she worshipped) **:47** And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. (she reconigned her redeemer) **:48** For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; (she was humble) For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (favoured by God) **:49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.** (she knew His nature) **:50** And His **mercy** is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. (her knowledge of the Holy One) **:51** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts. **:52** He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones, And exalted *the* lowly. **:53** He has filled *the* hungry with good things, And *the* rich He has sent away empty. **:54** He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of *His mercy*, **:55** As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

**Luke 1:49**

For He Who is **Mighty**  
has done **great things** for me, And **Holy** is His **Name**.

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# WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

## 7.) He's the God of all **mercy**

in the old testament the word **mercy** or **merciful** מֶרֶץ *checçed, kheh'-sed;* means benevolence, kindness, pity, deep consideration, to be moved in one's "inner being" of the situation of another.

### Noah Webster's Defines "Mercy" in English;

that kind benevolence, mildness and tenderness of the heart which disposes a person to overlook an offender. to extend goodness toward someone who is not deserving of it. the release someone from a sentence of punishment. in this sense there is no adequate English word that can describe the depth of its meaning. Mercy is a distinguishing attribute of God, the Supreme Being.

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# HE'S THE GOD OF ALL MERCY

## 7a.) The kind of **mercy** we need when we're **wrong**

*The Christmas Story is a Message of Mercy!*

### **Matt. 1:20-21**

"...behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. :21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

### **1John 2:2**

And He Himself is the (the atoning sacrifice) **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but ***also for the whole world.***

### An Example of Mercy / Luke 18:13

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be **merciful** to me a sinner!"

## I Can Have Mercy This Christmas

The Bible Says;  
He's the God of all mercy

### Ex. 34:6

And the LORD passed before Moses and proclaimed,  
"The LORD, the LORD God, **merciful** and **gracious**, longsuffering,  
and abounding in goodness and truth,

### Psa. 103:11-3

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His **mercy** toward those who fear Him; :12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. :13 As a father **pities** *his* children, So the LORD **pities** those who fear Him.

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## HE'S THE GOD OF ALL MERCY

### 7b.) The kind of **mercy** we need when we're **suffering**

**There is Nothing More Comforting**  
when you're suffering then to have someone with you who loves you.

### **When I'm Suffering, I Want Sympathy - Now !**

(all of us want a **merciful** doctor or nurse when we're not doing well)

### Matt. 14:14

And when Jesus went out **He saw** a great multitude; and He was **moved with compassion** for them, and healed their sick.

**Matt. 17:14-18**

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, :15 “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he’s a lunatic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water... :18 And Jesus rebuked that demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

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**HE’S THE GOD OF ALL MERCY**

**7c.) The kind of mercy we need when we’re miserable**

**Far To Many People Invested Allot of Money Each Year to go about hiding the fact their Miserable in This Life.**

**Misery is Defined as;**

the emotional trauma brought about by a calamity, misfortune, pain, grief. it’s in relation to a long, drawn out, ongoing suffering.

**miserable**

a deep discontentment. totally unhappy, a sense of abandonment or condemnation.

**wisery loves “company” why?**

because only those who have been miserable can comfort those who are.

**Mark 1:40-42**

Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” :41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” :42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

**But Misery can Also Mean a Condemnation**

**Rom. 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,

# HE'S THE GOD OF ALL MERCY

## 7c.) The kind of mercy we need when we're miserable

### Acts of Mercy in The Bible

#### Luke 23:33-34

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. :34 Then Jesus said, "Father, **forgive them**, for they do not know what they do."

#### John 8:10-11

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" :11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither **do I condemn you**; go and sin no more."

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## WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

### 8.) He's the God of all **grace**

*The Christmas Story is a Message of Grace!*

The Word "Grace" is found 170 times in the Bible, 131 in the N.T.

#### First Occurrence of the Word

Gen. 6:8

But Noah found **grace** in the eyes of the LORD

It's Last Found in the Last verse of the Last book of the Bible

Rev. 22:21

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

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# HE'S THE GOD OF ALL GRACE

## 8a.) The kind of **grace** we need when we're **troubled**

### Grace @ Work

is the power of God at work within ever Christian and without it, we cannot survive in this world.

Sometimes it feels like were not going to make to the end... that's where his grace comes in.

#### John 14:1

"Let not your heart be **troubled**; (wave tossed) you believe in God, believe also in Me.

#### Rom. 5:2

through whom also we have access by **faith** into **this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice **in hope** of the glory of God.

#### John 1:14

And the Word (the Logo's of God) **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**.

### This "**full**" of **grace**

overflowing **grace**, more than enough **grace**, super **grace**, mega **grace**

**grace**. ܚܢܢ *chen, khane*;

divine favour or pleasure. to be deemed "graced" by God.

**"teachers pet"**

Your Salvation **Originates In** the Grace of God  
Your Salvation is **Kept thru** the Grace of God  
Your Salvation is **Coming by** the Grace of God

**Eph. 2:8a**

For **by grace** you have been saved through faith...

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## HE'S THE GOD OF ALL GRACE

**8b.) The kind of **grace** we need when we're **weak****

**Heb. 4:14-16**

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. **:15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. **: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.

**2Cor. 12:8-9**

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **:9** And He said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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## HE'S THE GOD OF ALL GRACE

**8c.) The kind of **grace** we need when we're **hurting****



## HE'S THE GOD OF ALL GRACE

### 8c.) The kind of grace we need when we're hurting

The Bible Teaches Us That  
The Lord Knows About Our "**Hurts**" in This Life

**I Don't Understand Suffering and Hurting  
but I trust God when He says that...**

#### **Psa. 139:1-3**

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. :2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. :3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

#### **James 1:2-4**

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, :3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. :4 But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

**I Understand That, But He's God and I'm Not.**

#### **Phil. 3:7-10**

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. :8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ :9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; :10 ***that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,***

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### WHY WE WORSHIP HIM

#### 9.) He's the God of all **peace**

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### HE'S THE GOD OF ALL PEACE

#### 9a.) The kind of **peace** we need when we're **fearful**

The "**Christmas Jesus**" is the "**Prince of Peace**" Jesus

#### Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Knowing Jesus Christ – Removes Fear, Intimidation and Anxiety  
Once We Focus On Him – We Begin To Rest and Relax

#### Phil. 4:6

Be **anxious** for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

### Peter Found This Out Well

"Lord Bid Me to Come You" - - *and with that, Peter walked on water too !*

#### 2Pet. 1:2

**Grace** and **peace** be **multiplied to you** in the **knowledge of** God and of Jesus our Lord,

#### 1John 4:18

There is **no fear** in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.

Rev. 1:17b-18

**“Do not be afraid**; I am the First and the Last. **:18 I am** He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.  
**And I have the keys** of Hades and of Death.

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## HE'S THE GOD OF ALL PEACE

9b.) The kind of **peace** we need when we're **alone**

### **Christmas Can Be a Lonely Time for Some People.**

the loss of a loved one, a husband or a wife,  
the death of a child is perhaps the most painful at Christmas time.

**This Horrible Sense of Being Alone**  
can overpower you and cause great emotional trauma.

## **Mankind Fear's Loneliness**

have you ever seen someone in an abusive or aberrant relationship?  
have you ever wondered why they stay in it? - because the fear of being alone  
is greater than the fear of abuse....

It's to old saying; **“bad love is better than no love”**

**But the Lord says “No” to that !**

His Love for You is an Everlasting Love

What Can We Do When We Feel Like This ?

**Psa. 34:15**

The eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous,  
And His ears *are open* to their cry.

**Heb. 13:5**

“For He Himself has said, “*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*”

**Matt. 28:20**

... Behold, I am with you always, *even to the end of the world.*”

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# HE'S THE GOD OF ALL PEACE

## 9c.) The kind of **peace** we need when we're in the **storms**

**Mark 4:36-40**

Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. :37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. :38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” :39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “**Peace, be still!**” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. :40 But He said to them, “**Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?**”

**John 14:27**

**Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

**Is. 9:6**

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**This Prince Offers You His Gift of Eternal Life.**

*End of Study*