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**Part 3/5** 

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Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship

Introduction to the Text;

Titus 2:11

"State The Contextual Summation and Theme"

# !!! Merry Christmas !!!

#### **Titus 2:11**

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

### Luke 2:8-11

:8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. :9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. :10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord

#### Luke 1:45-47

Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." :46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, :47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Savior soter, so-tare'; from 4982; my deliverer, my salvation, my rescuer

*Christ* **Messias**, *mes-see´-as;* of Hebrew origin (H4899); the Messias (i.e. Mashiach), or Christ: — Messias.

### BEHOLD THE SALVATION OF GOD

### 3.) Behold the Salvation of God

### What Are We Saying When We say;

# **Merry Christmas**

Jovial, Loud, Gay, Exhilarating Laughter, To make Merriment, Happiness, Joyful, Exuberant. To Gather About or Draw Near to The Christ. To Assemble Before The Christ. To Come and Bow Down or Before. To Mass or Amass Before The Lord.

**salvation soterion**, *so-tay'-ree-on*; to be defended by a defender. To be rescued or delivered from peril. To be pulled out of the way of danger or destruction.

### 3a.) The God of Christmas saves us from sin's slavery

### Redemption

To Remove From the Marketplace, To Buy Back. To Ransom Out Of.

Gal. 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.

#### Matt. 20:28

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a **ransom** for many."

### The Christians Armor is Capped with The Helmet.

### Eph. 6:17

And take the **helmet** (to surround the head, to encircle) of salvation,

#### Rom. 8:1-3

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. :2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

:3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

### 2Tim. 1:10

(Salvation) has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

### 3b.) The God of Christmas saves us from sin's separation

### Alienation

By Reconciliation, By Ending the Separation, By Bridging the Isolation,

By bring us into His presence. The making of a way into. The opening of a door. To lead someone in by the "broad way"

The Genesis 3 Account
The Temptation / The Fall / The Provision / The Promise

### Gen. 3:8-11, 24

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. :9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" :10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." :11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked?...:24 So He drove out the man;

#### 2Cor. 5:19

that is, that God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of **reconciliation**.

### Eph. 2:18-19

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. :19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

### 3c.) The God of Christmas saves us from sin's wrath

### **Propitiation**

The Appeasement, Satisfaction, To Defuse + To Unite = Fellowship

By taking away the condemnation. Rendering sin powerless because the law has been removed from the equation.

### Salvation is a Gift. But What Good is a Gift

If You Cannot Use It or Choose To Never Use It?

#### Luke 2:10-11

:10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold,

**Dring you** good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior,

who is Christ the Lord.

### Who Cares About Sin?

God does because He is holy. We should because we're not holy

In The End - God Won't But We Will

God is Holy / God is Holy / God is Holy / God is Holy

### The Christmas Account Builds

#### Luke 2:25-34

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. :26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. :27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, :28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: :29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; :30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation :31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, :32 A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." :33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. :34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

### The Appeasement, Satisfaction, To Defuse + To Unite = Fellowship

#### Rom. 3:23-25a

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, :24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, :25a whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith,

### 1John 2:1-2

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. But if anyone sins, we have an **Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ **the** righteous. :2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

#### Heb. 2:17

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

### 3d.) The God of Christmas saves us from sin's cycle

### **Abolition**

To Bring to an End, Eradication, Obliteration, The Stop

### Rom. 6:6-7

knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him,* that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. :7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

#### Rom. 6:12-14

Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. :13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. :14 Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

#### Rom. 10:9-10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### Rom. 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,

#### 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."

#### Luke 19:10

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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