



“Christmas Day”

Sun Dec 25, 2022

- I. **Luke 2:1-14**
 - A. What does Christmas mean to you?
 1. For me...it is a time to reflect...a time of great joy and happiness...a time to rest...a time to be thankful....thankful for the great things God has done and a time to be motivated for the things ahead.
 2. Why is it the most wonderful time of the year? It is the celebration of Christ, the Savior who came...yes to wash my sins away....but more importantly, He came to reveal the true nature of God and show us the way to a life that only exists in Him; this life is called the abundant life.
 - B. **On This Christmas Day, I will have a heart filled with praise**
 1. Why was I created? To Praise Him
 2. Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving and Into His Courts with Praise
 3. **Hebrews 13:15** “By Him, let us offer the SACRIFICE of Praise to God continually...”
 - Sacrifice....Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice, His life in the place of you and me.
 - And all He asks for in return is the sacrifice of our praise.
 - If God gave His best to me, shouldn't I give my best to Him? (My best to God is the very breath that He gave me through my praise!)
- II. Finishing Out The Year Right
 - A. **Forgive...**
 1. **Mark 11:25** “Forgive if you ought against any....”
 2. Forgiving others and forgiving yourself.
 - B. **Forget...**
 1. **Philippians 3:13** “Forgetting those things which are behind...”
 2. Forget the past and press toward the future.
 - C. **And Live...**
 1. Live the abundant life that God promised... (In the busyness of this life, don't forget...God wants you to live).
 2. Find it, love it, keep it.

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