

Unwrapping Christmas

First words:

How is it that we don't unwrap Christmas?

1. We don't unwrap Christmas if we don't personally experience the gifts the Lord Jesus Christ came to give.

2. We don't unwrap Christmas if we don't personally give the gift of ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ in worship.

Why is it that we don't unwrap Christmas?

1. Because we are pre-occupied like the Inn Keeper

Luke 2:7 - And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

2. Because we are perplexed like those who heard the shepherds

Luke. 2:18 - And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

3. Because we are paranoid like Herod and the Jewish leaders.

Matthew 2:1-3 - 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 saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4. Because we are proud like the chief priest & scribes

Matthew 2:4-6 - And assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ " 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' "

5. Because we are in pain like the mothers of Bethlehem

Matthew 2:16-18 - Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel

weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

6. Because we are pagans like the Romans

Luke 2:1-3 - In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

What happens if we don't unwrap Christmas?

1. We can miss its joy

Luke 2:10 - And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

2. We can miss its salvation

Luke 2:11 - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

3. We can miss its peace

Luke 2:14 - "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

4. We can miss its love

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever

believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

How do we ensure that we unwrap Christmas?

1. Seek after Jesus Christ

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 saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

2. Speak about Jesus Christ

Luke 2:17 - And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

3. Surrender to Jesus Christ

Matthew 2:11 - And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4. Share because of Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 8:9 - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

5. Saved by Jesus Christ

Matthew 1:21 - She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

At the Lord Jesus Christ’s Second Advent there will be:

1. No Preoccupation - **Revelation 1:8**

2. No Perplexion - **1 John 3:2**

3. No Paranoia - **Revelation. 19:16**

4. No Pride - **Philippians. 2:9-11**

5. No Pain - **Revelation. 21:4**

6. No Pagans - **Revelation. 20:11-15**

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank you for coming into this world to die for my sins and to rise again on the third day. Tonight, I know I need a Savior from sins, I know I need you. Right now, I am claiming the promise that “whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” and I am calling out to you. Save me, forgive me, bring back into a right relationship with God and give me eternal life as you promised. In your name I pray. Amen

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