

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor

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“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Mat. 1:21

“He will save His People from their sins!” That’s the good news of Christmas we’re here to celebrate this morning! Jesus came to save us. From what? From our sins! From our God-denying, small-minded, earth-is-all-I-care-about meaningless and wasted lives! – from flittering away 20 or 30 or 80 years on nothing! – like money and sex and luxuries and houses and lands and vacations and beauty and fame or whatever else you might come up with!. *“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and yet forfeit his soul?”* (Mark 8:36)

Or maybe we can say it this way: What does it profit you to live your whole life and yet never know God! You see, that’s what Christ has done for us. Not only has He saved us from God’s wrath against our sin, He’s brought us into fellowship with God. *“Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. !”* (1 Peter 3:18). You and I were made for God! We exist to know God (John 17:3) – to glorify and enjoy Him as God! So any life lived without God, is just wasted! You can be a millionaire celebrity, but without God, it’s dust and ashes! But if you have Him, if you know Christ the way a man knows and trusts a dear and faithful friend – even an ash-heap becomes a castle.

Do you know Him this morning? This is the greatest gift of Christmas. Not just our sins forgiven, but Christ Himself alive and at work in our lives! That’s how he saves His people from their sin!

In the Grace and Love of Jesus!

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