SERMON NOTES

Sunday, December 15, 2013

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Christmas is the story of God becoming flesh. Why did Jesus come? What was His purpose, His mission? Today we explore the reason for the season.

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1. Christ came to do the ______ and become our _____.

"Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: 'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased...Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God'" (Hebrews 10:5-7, 10, NASB).

2. Christ came to save His people _____

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21, NASB).

- He binds the _____.
- He will ______.
- He will restore ______.

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"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood" (Romans 3:23-25, NIV).

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"It is finished!" (John 19:30, NASB).

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:16-22, NASB).

- He binds the <u>brokenhearted.</u>
- He will <u>set captives free.</u>
- He will restore what has been taken away.

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