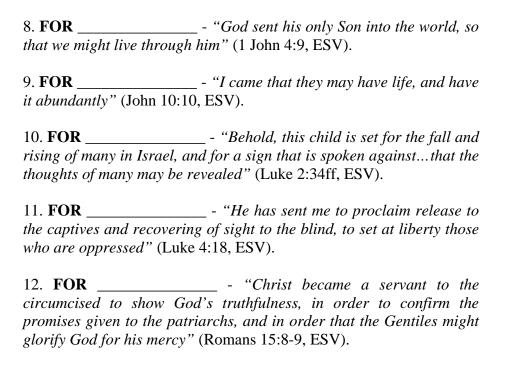Sunday, December 22, 2013

"TWELVE REASONS FOR CHRISTMAS"
(Luke 2:10)

Our aim this morning is briefly to touch on the question, "WHY?" Why did Jesus Christ come into the world? Rather than just voice our opinions, let's see what the Bible says.

"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23, NIV).

1. **FOR** _____ - *"For this I was born and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth"* (John 18:37, ESV).

2. **FOR** _____ - *"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil"* (1 John 3:8, ESV).

3. **FOR** _____ - *"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners"* (Mark 2:17, ESV).

4. **FOR** _____ - *"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"* (Luke 19:10, ESV).

5. **FOR** _____ - *"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45, ESV).

6. **FOR** _____ - *"God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons"* (Galatians 4:5, ESV).

7. **FOR** _____ - *"For God so loved the world that whoever believes on him shall not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved"* (John 3:16-17, ESV).

8. **FOR** _____ - *"God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him"* (1 John 4:9, ESV).

9. **FOR** _____ - *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"* (John 10:10, ESV).

10. **FOR** _____ - *"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against…that the thoughts of many may be revealed"* (Luke 2:34ff, ESV).

11. **FOR** _____ - *"He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed"* (Luke 4:18, ESV).

12. **FOR** _____ - *"Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy"* (Romans 15:8-9, ESV).

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"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23, NIV).

"Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22, NIV).

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12, NIV).

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, NIV).

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9, NIV).

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10, NIV).

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4. **FOR THE LOST** - *"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"* (Luke 19:10, ESV).

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6. **FOR <u>ADOPTION</u>** - *"God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons"* (Galatians 4:5, ESV).

7. **FOR <u>LOVE</u>** - *"For God so loved the world that whoever believes on him shall not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved"* (John 3:16-17, ESV).

8. **FOR <u>LIFE</u>** - *"God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him"* (1 John 4:9, ESV).

9. **FOR <u>BLESSING</u>** - *"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"* (John 10:10, ESV).

10. **FOR <u>REVELATION</u>** - *"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against…that the thoughts of many may be revealed"* (Luke 2:34ff, ESV).

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