

## Keeping Christmas in Perspective

Luke 2:8-11

December 17, 2023

### **1. Christmas is an \_\_\_\_\_**

▪ **POINT:** Since the Christmas story is \_\_\_\_\_, then  
everything \_\_\_\_\_ to it is \_\_\_\_\_ as well

*"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:*

*'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and  
they will call Him Immanuel' --which means, 'God with us.'"*

*Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV)*

*"The One who existed from the beginning is the One we have heard  
and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him  
with our own hands. He is Jesus Christ, the Word of life.*

*We are telling you about what we ourselves have  
actually seen and heard..." 1 John 1:1,3 (NLT)*

### **2. Christmas is a \_\_\_\_\_**

**(1) ... of \_\_\_\_\_**

*"This letter is from Paul, appointed by the command of God  
our Savior and by Christ Jesus our hope." 1 Tim. 1:1 (NIV)*

*"Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27 (NIV)*

**(2) ... of \_\_\_\_\_**

*"God proves His own love for us in that while we were  
still sinners Christ died for us!" Rom. 5:8 (HCSB)*

*"This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that He loved  
us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."*

*1 John 4:10 (NLT)*

**(3) ... of \_\_\_\_\_**

*"We praise God for the wonderful kindness He has poured out on us  
because we belong to His dearly loved Son." Eph. 1:6 (NLT)*

### **3. Christmas is an \_\_\_\_\_**

▪ **Our greatest need was and is \_\_\_\_\_**

• **Thanks be to God. He sent a \_\_\_\_\_!**

*"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus,  
because He will save His people from their sins." Matt 1:21 (HCSB)*

*"As many as received Jesus, to them He gave the right  
to become children of God..." John 1:12 (NAS)*

*"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you  
to be with Me that you also may be where I am." John 14:3 (NIV)*

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*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be  
with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."  
Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)*