

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SERVICE

ISAIAH 9:6-7

Satilla Baptist Church

December 25, 2016

Sunday, AM Service

Pastor William Pope

I. INTRODUCTION

- a. As we celebrate Communion this Christmas Season, We remember the Gift that God has given us through Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and who the Bible calls: "Emmanuel"
 - i. *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Matt 1:21-23 (NKJV)*
- b. Fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecy:
 - i. *14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)*
- c. Isaiah 9:6-7 gives us a description of this Wonderful Gift.
 - i. *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV)*

II. THE PERSONAL GIFT (unto us)

- a. *8 But what does it say? "The word is near **you**, in **your** mouth and in **your** heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if **you** confess with **your** mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in **your** heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you** will be saved. 10 For with the heart **one** believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "**Whoever** believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who*

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call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." Romans 10:7-13 (NKJV)

- b. Christianity is a Person: Jesus Christ
 - i. You must individually believe and receive Him as your Savior.
- c. Jesus came as a Gift to **You!**

III. THE PECULIAR GIFT (a Child is born)

- a. 8 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV)*
- b. 26 *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 1 Cor 1:26-28 (NKJV)*
- c. God is always using the improbable to accomplish the impossible
 - i. He took nothing and formed the World
 - ii. When He wanted a Great Nation, He chose a childless couple (Abraham and Sarah)
 - iii. When He wanted to deliver His people from Egypt He chose a stuttering fugitive from Justice named Moses.
 - iv. When He wanted to bring the Walls of Jericho down, He devised a battle plan that included marching around the walls and blowing on trumpets
 - v. When He wanted to deliver His people from the Host of the Medinates He chose a man who was, according to his own admission, a member of the smallest tribe in Israel and a member of the smallest family in the smallest tribe in Israel and the smallest member of the smallest family in the smallest tribe in Israel. (Gideon) and then would only let him take an army of 300 into battle against tens of thousands

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- vi. When His people needed deliverance from the Philistines He chose a teenager who was too young for the army, and a slingshot and some small stones from the brook.
 - 1. *“Little is much when God is in it, Labor not for wealth or fame, there’s a crown and you can win it, When you go in Jesus’s Name!”*
- vii. When He wanted to answer Man’s need for a Savior. When He was ready to answer Man’s age old challenge, “God if you are there, show yourself to us!” He chose to enter this world through the portals of virgin’s womb and to be born in a small place called Bethlehem, in a stable, with a manger for his crib, and the shepherds as his court.

IV. THE PRECIOUS GIFT (a Son is given)

- a. *16 "For God so loved the world that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (NKJV)*
- b. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:1-5 (NKJV)*
- c. ***And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NKJV)*
- d. One and eternal with the Father, Yet He was sent from the Father to be mocked and falsely accused and to suffer and die as a common criminal for my sin and for your sin.
- e. *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Phil 2:5-8 (NKJV)*

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V. THE POWERFUL GIFT (government shall be upon His shoulder.....)

a. Don't be fooled by the tenderness of this Gift

b. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords

- i. *11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Rev 19:11-16 (NKJV)*

VI. THE PERMANENT GIFT (of His Kingdom there will be no end)

a. His is the Final Revelation of God to man

- i. *11 "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:11-12 (NKJV)*
- ii. *30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:30-33 (NKJV)*
- iii. *15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have*

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become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Rev 11:15 (NKJV)

VII. CONCLUSION

- a. On this Christmas Day in Holy Communion together we worship and celebrate this Gift from God, Jesus Christ. He is:
 - i. **The Personal Gift**
 - ii. **The Peculiar Gift**
 - iii. **The Precious Gift**
 - iv. **The Powerful Gift**
 - v. **The Permanent Gift**

Have you received this Gift?

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Romans 10:8-13 (NKJV)**

COMMUNION SCRIPTURE:

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim

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the Lord's death till He comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. 1 Cor 11:23-32 (NKJV)

(Partake of Communion)