

“A Christmas Conversion”

Titus 3:3-8

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Introduction:

- A. God is able to bring us to a place of _____ and _____.
- B. Jesus came into the world to bring us _____ and _____ life.
- C. Today we will use _____ classic story _____ as our illustration.
- D. I was surprised to discover that the story has been adapted into as many as _____ films.
- E. Dickens takes the _____ analogy further by dividing the story into five “_____,” instead of chapters.

Story:

- A. The story’s main character is the mean and intimidating Ebenezer _____, who lives to make money and very little else.
 - 1. Scrooge parallels many biblical characters, but no one more than King _____.
- B. One Christmas Eve, Scrooge receives a terrifying “wake-up call” when the spirit of his deceased business partner, _____, pays him a visit.
 - 1. Marley reminds me of the man in the Parable of the _____ and Lazarus.
 - 2. Marley makes it clear that this is Scrooge’s last opportunity to repent and instructs him to wait for visits from _____ more spirits.
- C. The first spirit is the spirit of Christmas _____ who takes Scrooge on a trip down _____.
- D. The second spirit is the spirit of Christmas _____ who takes Scrooge on a tour of the _____ he now knows.
 - 1. In the original Dickens’ tale, the spirit reveals two hauntingly thin and deathly children called _____ and _____.
- E. The final spirit, the spirit of Christmas _____ arrives and has no _____ and does not _____.
 - 1. The spirit helps Scrooge see that he lived long enough to make it _____ for _____.
- F. As Christmas morning dawns, Scrooge awakes and realizes that he has been given a _____ - a _____ chance.

Conclusion:

- A. At the heart of *A Christmas Carol* lies Scrooge’s _____.
- B. He repented and changed his _____—Jesus invites us to do the _____.

Answer Key: Intro.: A. conversion, transformation. B. abundant, eternal. C. Dickens’, A, Christmas, Carol. D. 200. E. musical, staves. Story: A. Scrooge. A.1. Herod. B. Jacob, Marley. B.1. Rich, Man. B.2. 3. C. Past, memory, lane. D. Present, people. D.1. ignorance, want. E. future, face, speak. E.1. miserable, everyone. F. reprieve, 2nd. Concl.: A. transformation. B. destiny, same.