

THE CHRISTMAS LESSON

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If you're in the resident congregation, turn off your electronic devices and put them away. Let this be a place where you aren't distracted by the world.

**Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
Merry Christmas!
Rory Clark
Pastor-Teacher**

Good Morning!

Welcome to the 2025 Christmas Lesson for Barah Ministries! My name is Pastor Rory Clark. Today's Christmas lesson is entitled...

THE CHRISTMAS LESSON The Christmas Message is the Gospel Message

LESSON INTRODUCTION

If you knew that something was being given away, free of charge, that would benefit those you love, would you tell them about it? For example, your parents love ribeye steaks! You heard and verified that a new company was marketing steaks by giving anyone two free ribeye steaks per week for a year. Would you tell your parents about it? Yes! You would!

If you knew that your parents or others you love could go to heaven free of charge when they close their eyes in this life, would you tell them about it? For some reason, that's a different matter for many of us! We're willing to tell those we love about steaks, but not about the free gift of eternal life. How sad!

Today, we celebrate the most important day in human history. I used to think Resurrection Day was the most important day in human history, the day the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Certainly, that day is up there, but it's not possible without the day we celebrate today...the day an apostle described in John, Chapter 1, Verse 14...

JOHN 1:14

And the Word (the Lord...God the Son) became flesh (as Jesus...the Christ...the Messiah)...and He lived among us...and we apostles saw His glory with our own

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eyes...the glory of the only begotten One who came from the source of God the Father...the One who is full of grace and full of truth.

Today we celebrate Christmas...the birth day of Christ, our dear Savior. Here's Josh Groban to sing about it...

MUSIC

OPENING SONG

Let's Sing the Lord's Praises

O HOLY NIGHT

Josh Groban

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...

Thank you, Father, for your indescribable...unfathomable...magnificent...precious...gracious...and free gift...the gift of Your Son...God the Son...our Lord...who came to earth in human form as Jesus...the Christ...the world's Messiah! Thank you for considering us worthy to receive Him! In gratitude we lift our hearts to You every day, and on this day especially, Father, as we let in feelings that overwhelm our souls. As we celebrate Jesus' birth...our souls rejoice as we realize the significance of what You did to save us when we were your enemies. Best of all we don't have to work for Your gift. It is free of charge.

Illuminate in our souls the Scriptures we hear today...help us see with spiritual eyes Your perfect plan for Your imperfect creatures...help us experience the intimacy of Your unconditional love for us...help us know Your peace...

...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

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LESSON PART ONE

Merry Christmas!

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We hear this greeting over and over, every year, at this time of the year. But what does this greeting really mean? What makes Christmas merry?

From God's point of view, as He looks down from heaven, Christmas is merry if you hear and respond positively to His gospel message.

What is the gospel message? It's a communication directly from God. It's an offer to all of us. As the Bible describes, it's an offer to WHOSOEVER. John, Chapter 3, Verse 16...

JOHN 3:16

"God the Father loved the world unconditionally...and He loved the world so much...that he gave his only Son...(The Lord...God the Son)...that WHOSOEVER believes in Him will never perish...instead, he will have eternal life (the resurrection life)."

Each of us has a singular and most important decision in our lifetime on earth. It's the decision to accept or reject the gospel message offer of the Sovereign God of the Universe...the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What's your decision?

Christmas is not a time for giving as many think, at least not for us human beings. It's a time for receiving. John, Chapter 1, Verse 12 says...

JOHN 1:12

...whosoever receives Him, to them the Lord Jesus Christ gives the right to become children of God the Father, even to those who believe in Christ's name...

Have you received the gift? Have those you love received the gift? Would you offer the gift to those you love, to those you hate, and to those who hate you? That's what God the Father did. Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 8...

ROMANS 5:8a

But God the Father DEMONSTRATES His own unconditional love toward all mankind, in that while we were yet sinners (while we were unrighteous, ungodly unbelievers who were rejecting a relationship with Jesus...

ROMANS 5:8b

...while we were God the Father's enemies...He sent the) Christ (the Messiah...as a gift to the whole human race...to WHOSOEVER...the Christ...who) died (as a

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sin substitute) for us.

The free gift. Eternal life.

Every year, all over the world, there is a cessation of activity that zooms our attention to the most significant event in human history. All eyes see the words... all eyes hear the words...Merry Christmas. Our attention turns to Jesus...the CHRIST...the MASsiah.

CHRISTMAS

Jesus **CHRIST** is the **MASsiah**

For those who don't have a relationship with Him, in the silence of our thoughts we wonder, "Who is this Christ? What is this holiday about?"

What this holiday is not about is the stress of running around, overspending, and giving meaningless gifts to people we don't even like.

What this holiday IS about is receiving what God the Father choose to do for each one of us. The Lord Jesus Christ's coming for us was not a secret according to Isaiah, Chapter 7, Verse 14...

ISAIAH 7:14

Therefore, the Lord Himself will give all of you a sign...behold...a virgin will be with child and bear a Son...and she will call His name Emmanuel (which means God with us).

Our God left heaven and came to earth to free us from a death sentence. Let's hear about it.

MUSIC

Let's Sing the Lord's Praises

O COME...O COME...EMMANUEL

Enja

Why was it necessary for our God to leave the comforts of heaven? The problem was Adam's sin. Genesis, Chapter 3, Verses 6 and 7...

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THE PROBLEM

Adam's Sin

GENESIS 3:6

When the woman (Isha) saw that the tree was good for food...that it was a delight to the eyes...that the tree was desirable to make one wise (Satan's lie to her)...she took from its fruit and ate...and she gave also to her husband Adam who was with her...and he ate.

THE PROBLEM

Adam's Sin

GENESIS 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them (Adam and Isha) were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made for themselves loin coverings.

Adam was the first man on earth, and God made him the federal head of the human race. As the federal head, Adam was a representative figure selected by God to act on behalf of an entire group...all human beings...with Adam's actions binding the whole group. Romans, Chapter 5, Verse 12 says...

ROMANS 5:12

...through one man...Adam...sin entered into the world...and spiritual death entered the world through Adam's sin...so spiritual death spread to all men...because all men were considered by God to have sinned when Adam sinned.

Adam's sin created a barrier between God and man. Sin demands a penalty from God. First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 22...

THE BARRIER

Sin created a barrier between God and His creatures

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:22a

For all in union with Adam at physical birth (and that is every human being who comes to earth) are set to die the second death in the Lake of Fire...

Because of Adam's sin, all humans were born physically alive and spiritually dead with a sinful nature. Romans, Chapter 6, Verse 23...

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THE SINFUL NATURE

It is passed from the father to children at conception

ROMANS 6:23

For the payment due for those who have Adam's sin is spiritual death...

Seeing His creatures on the wrong side of a barrier, separated from relationship, God knew His creatures did not have the power to fix the sin problem on their own. What a dilemma! God's creatures were now his enemies.

What could be done about the sin problem? Who had the power to fix the problem? God the Father had the power to fix the sin problem with a sacrifice. So He did. He sacrificed the life of His Son...God the Son. John, Chapter 1, Verse 14...

THE DECISION

God the Father decides to fix the sin problem for His enemies

JOHN 1:14a

And the Word (in Greek the term ho logos...a reference to the Lord...God the Son) became flesh (entering a new mode of existence...true humanity...as Jesus...the Christ...the Messiah) ...

THE DECISION

God the Father decides to fix the sin problem for His enemies

JOHN 1:14b

...and Jesus lived in a physical body among us...and we (the apostles and the writer of this letter...John) saw His glory with our own eyes...the glory of the uniquely born One who came from the source of God the Father...the One who is full of grace and full of truth.

But God the Father is not a bully. He doesn't coerce anyone. He doesn't force anyone. He gifted every one of His creatures with free will, and He allows each of us to make his own decision.

You have a decision to make about having a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He took care of your sin problem. Philippians, Chapter 2, Verses 5 to 11...

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THE AGREEMENT

God the Son volunteers to execute God the Father's plan to fix the sin problem

PHILIPPIANS 2:5

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus...

THE AGREEMENT

God the Son volunteers to execute God the Father's plan to fix the sin problem

PHILIPPIANS 2:6

...who, although had the exact same essence as God the Father, did not regard equality with God the Father as a thing to be seized and held...

THE AGREEMENT

God the Son volunteers to execute God the Father's plan to fix the sin problem

PHILIPPIANS 2:7

...instead, Jesus emptied Himself...taking on the form of a bond-slave...by being made in the likeness of men.

THE AGREEMENT

God the Son volunteers to execute God the Father's plan to fix the sin problem

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man, He humiliated Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death on a Cross.

THE AGREEMENT

God the Son volunteers to execute God the Father's plan to fix the sin problem

PHILIPPIANS 2:9

For this reason, God the Father highly exalted Jesus, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name...

THE AGREEMENT

God the Son volunteers to execute God the Father's plan to fix the sin problem

PHILIPPIANS 2:10

...so that at the name of Jesus, every knee of those who are in heaven and

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on earth and under the earth will bow...

THE AGREEMENT

God the Son volunteers to execute God the Father's plan to fix the sin problem

PHILIPPIANS 2:11

...and every tongue will confess...that Jesus Christ is the Lord (He is God...He is Deity)...to the glory of God the Father.

This is what we celebrate today. We celebrate a God who had mercy on His enemies and decided to solve their sin problem.

Now you may say, "Why did Adam get me in this predicament? This is NOT my fault?" You'd be right. The sin problem is not your fault, but it is your circumstance. To compound the problem, you repeat the pattern of Adam by sinning every day. When you committed your first sin, then sin became your problem as well.

So when we celebrate Christmas, we remind ourselves of an intricate plan that God orchestrated on our behalf, even though He had no obligation to do so.

When God created angels, He informed them of the rules, He gave them free will, and He watched. He did the same thing for humans.

And when angels and humans did the exact same thing...(we both broke the rules by sinning)...God's plan saved us from our sins. John, Chapter 3, Verse 17...

JOHN 3:17

"For God the Father did not send God the Son into the world to judge the world... the Father sent the Son into the world so that the world might be saved through Him."

And so we rest.

MUSIC

Let's Sing the Lord's Praises

GOD'S REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

Pentatonix

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When we return from the break, we'll take the offering and then we'll remind ourselves of the miraculous way our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ saved us. Take a ten minute-break as you listen to some of the songs of the season.

Before you take the break, I'd like you to stay put and listen to the first song. It's a tribute to my best friend, Pastor John Farley, who went home to spend His first Christmas with the Lord just three short months ago. Then I'll give you the signal to start your break. The song is called FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.

MUSIC

Let's Sing the Lord's Praises

FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Larnelle Harris

Please take your break.

TEN-MINUTE BREAK

CHRISTMASTIME IS HERE

Ray Parker Jr.

TEN-MINUTE BREAK

HE CAME FROM CHRISTMAS TO THE CROSS

June Murphy

TEN-MINUTE BREAK

THE CHRISTMAS SONG

Nat King Cole

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OFFERING INTRODUCTION

You give, and Barah Ministries receives. For years we have been passing the blessing of your gift on to others in the form of Bible lessons which always communicate the gospel message. Thank you for following the Lord's request in Philippians, Chapter 2, Verse 3...

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PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves...

Let's welcome up Deacon Denny Goodall, who always inspires us with amazing offering messages.

THE OFFERING

Deacon Denny Goodall

OFFERING VERSE

ROMANS 6:23

...the payment due for those who have Adam's sin is spiritual death...

OFFERING SONG

THE CHRISTMAS SONG

Nat King Cole

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LESSON PART TWO

After volunteering to become the Savior of the world, the Lord predicted His coming in Old Testament Scripture. Isaiah, Chapter 9, Verses 6 and 7...

THE PROPHECY PREDICTING THE SIN SOLUTION

The Old Testament Scriptures

ISAIAH 9:6

For a child will be born to us...a son will be given to us...and the government will rest on His shoulders...and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor...Mighty God...Eternal Father...Prince of Peace.

THE PROPHECY PREDICTING THE SOLUTION

The Old Testament Scriptures

ISAIAH 9:7

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And there will be no end to the increase of His government and no end to His peace on the throne of David and over is kingdom...to establish it and to uphold it...with justice and righteousness from then on, and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

The Lord came to earth by means of a virgin birth so He could exist in human form without a sin nature. The Lord wants nothing to do with sin. An angel visits Mary to encourage her to participate in the greatest event of all time. Luke, Chapter 1, Verses 26 to 38 using the Wuest Translation...

THE VIRGIN PREGNANCY

The angel seeks Mary's consent

LUKE 1:26 (Wuest Translation)

Now, in the sixth month of the pregnancy of Mary's relative Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel was sent on a mission from God the Father to a city of Galilee named Nazareth...

THE VIRGIN PREGNANCY

The angel seeks Mary's consent

LUKE 1:27 (Wuest Translation)

...to a virgin promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. And the name of the virgin was Mary.

Couples who were engaged at this time...who were "promised"...were already married.

THE VIRGIN PREGNANCY

The angel seeks Mary's consent

LUKE 1:28 (Wuest Translation)

And having come to her, Gabriel said, "Keep on rejoicing Mary, because you have been encompassed with favor, a grace gift from God. The Lord is with you."

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LUKE 1:29 (Wuest Translation)

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But Mary was greatly agitated by reason of the words said by Gabriel, and began reasoning what sort of an exotic greeting this might be.

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The angel seeks Mary's consent

LUKE 1:30 (Wuest Translation)

And the angel said to her, "Stop fearing, Mary, for you have a grace gift of favor in the presence of God."

THE VIRGIN PREGNANCY

The angel seeks Mary's consent

LUKE 1:31 (Wuest Translation)

"And behold, you shall conceive in your womb and you shall give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus."

Next, we see five things the Lord was given by His Father in return for the sacrifice of His life for us...

THE VIRGIN PREGNANCY

The angel seeks Mary's consent

LUKE 1:32 (Wuest Translation)

(1) "This One...Jesus...shall be great...(2) and He shall be called the Son of the Most High...(3) and God the Father shall give to Jesus the throne of David during Jesus' Millennial reign..."

THE VIRGIN PREGNANCY

The angel seeks Mary's consent

LUKE 1:33 (Wuest Translation)

"...and (4) Jesus shall reign as King over the house of Jacob (Israel) forever... (5) and of His kingdom there shall not be an end."

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The angel seeks Mary's consent

LUKE 1:34 (Wuest Translation)

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But Mary said to the angel, “How shall this be possible, since I have not had sexual intercourse with a man?”

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The angel seeks Mary’s consent

LUKE 1:35 (Wuest Translation)

And the angel said to Mary, “The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you...and the Holy One which is being conceived in your womb shall be called the Son of God.”

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The angel seeks Mary’s consent

LUKE 1:36 (Wuest Translation)

“And behold, Elizabeth, your relative (the barren one), also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month of pregnancy for her who is called sterile...”

THE VIRGIN PREGNANCY

The angel seeks Mary’s consent

LUKE 1:37 (Wuest Translation)

“...for in the presence of God not a thing shall be impossible.”

THE VIRGIN PREGNANCY

The angel seeks Mary’s consent

LUKE 1:38

And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord...may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Mary had to be wondering what it would be reasonable to wonder...WHAT CHILD IS THIS? Andrea Bocelli sings...

MUSIC

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WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Andrea Bocelli

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Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 6 and 7...

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

God with Us

LUKE 2:6

And Joseph and Mary went to Galilee for a census in the village of Nazareth...in the region of Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, and while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

God with Us

LUKE 2:7

And she gave birth to her firstborn son...and she wrapped Him in cloths...and laid Him in a manger (a feeding trough for livestock)...because there was no room for them in the inn.

And the Lord Jesus...the Christ...grew...and He lived a sinless life...Hebrews, Chapter 2, Verse 9...

HE LIVED A SINLESS LIFE

So as to be Qualified to Save Us from Sin

HEBREWS 2:9

But we do see the One who was made for a little while lower than the angels...namely, Jesus...who because of the suffering of death was crowned with glory and honor...so that by the grace of God the Father, Jesus might taste death for the benefit of everyone (whosoever).

In April of next year, once again we will celebrate this Child who tasted death for all of us. We'll celebrate His death by crucifixion and His resurrection from the dead. We pay close attention to the words He spoke to God and Father from the manger...Hebrews, Chapter 10, Verses 5 to 7...

INSIGHT FROM THE MANAGER

The Lord Speaks to His Father

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HEBREWS 10:5

*Therefore, when the Lord...God the Son...comes into the world, He says,
“Sacrifice and offering You have not desired my God and Father...but a body You
have prepared for Me (I AM true humanity) ...”*

INSIGHT FROM THE MANAGER

The Lord Speaks to His Father

HEBREWS 10:6

“...in whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure.”

INSIGHT FROM THE MANAGER

The Lord Speaks to His Father

HEBREWS 10:7

*“Then I (the Lord Jesus Christ) said, ‘Behold, I have come to the earth...(in the
scroll of the book it is written of Me)...to do Your will, O God the Father.’”*

Let us adore the One who came to save us, both now and to the day of eternity.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Good News of Jesus Christ’s Salvation Offer to the Human Race

The closing moments of this lesson could be the ten most important minutes of your life. You’ll be introduced to the good news concerning how you can spend all eternity in heaven when you close your eyes in this life. We want you to know that...

GOD WANTS YOU!

He Wants You to Make the Most Important Decision of Your Life

...and what He wants for you is that you make the most important decision of your life.

The Lord’s salvation offer easily is captured in a series of Bible verses, beginning with John, Chapter 3, Verse 3...

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

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JOHN 3:3

“Truly, truly, I (the Lord Jesus Christ) say to you, Nicodemus, that unless you are born again (the spiritual birth) you cannot see the kingdom of God the Father in heaven.”

John, Chapter 10, Verses 9 and 10...

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 10:9

“I (the Lord Jesus Christ) am the door (of salvation) ... if (3) anyone enters the door by believing in Me (maybe you will and maybe you won't...you have a choice)...this person will be saved by God...and will enter the Plan of God...and will go out to find pasture (through the truth of the Word of God).”

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 10:10

“The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy the sheep...I (the Lord Jesus Christ) came that My Sheep...all believers in Christ...may have the resurrection life...and have it abundantly.”

John, Chapter 14, Verse 6...

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 14:6

Jesus said to the doubting apostle Thomas, “I am the way (to salvation) ... and I am the truth (through the gospel message in the Word of God) ... and I am the resurrection life (eternal life) ... and no one comes to God the Father in heaven but through believing in Me.”

John, Chapter 3, Verses 16 to 18...

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JOHN 3:16

“God the Father loved the world unconditionally...and He loved the world so much...that He gave his only Son... (The Lord...God the Son)...that whosoever believes in Him will never perish...instead he will have eternal life (the resurrection life).”

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JOHN 3:17

“For God the Father did not send God the Son into the world to judge the world... the Father sent the Son into the world that the world might be saved through Him.”

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Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 3:18

“He who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ is not judged...but he who does not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ has been judged already because he has not believed in the Person of the uniquely born Son of God.

Acts, Chapter 16, Verses 30 and 31...

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

ACTS 16:30

“...the jailer asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

ACTS 16:31

They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved by God...you and everyone in your household who also believes.”

John, Chapter 3, Verse 36...

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Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 3:36

“He who believes in the Son has the resurrection life right at that moment...but he who does not obey the command to believe in the Son will not see the resurrection life...instead the wrath of God (the Lake of Fire) abides on him.”

John, Chapter 1, Verse 12...

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Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 1:12

Whosoever receives Him, to these the Lord Jesus Christ gives the right to become children of God the Father, even to those who believe in Christ's name...

Acts, Chapter 4, Verse 12 says...

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

ACT 4:12

“...there is salvation in no one else...for there is no other name under heaven that has been given to mankind by which we must be saved except the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

In John, Chapter 10, Verses 27 to 29, the Lord Jesus Christ says...

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 10:27

“My sheep (believers in Christ) hear My voice...and I (the Lord Jesus Christ...the Shepherd) know them...and they follow Me...”

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JOHN 10:28

“...and I give eternal life to believers in Christ...and they will never perish...and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”

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Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 10:29

“And my God and Father...who has given believers in Christ to Me...is greater than everyone...and no one is able to snatch believers in Christ out of God the Father’s hand, either.”

Romans, Chapter 10, Verses 9 and 10...

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Whosoever Believes in Him

ROMANS 10:9

...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord (that He is God) ... and if you believe in your heart that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead...you will be saved...

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

ROMANS 10:10

...for with the heart a person believes...resulting in the imputation of absolute righteousness by God (your admission ticket to heaven) ... and with the mouth a person confesses (admitting faith in Christ alone) resulting in salvation.

Luke, Chapter 19, Verse 10...

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LUKE 19:10

“For the Son of Man (the Lord Jesus Christ) has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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John, Chapter 6, Verse 33...

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JOHN 6:33

“For the bread of God the Father (the Lord Jesus Christ) is the bread which comes down out of heaven and gives the resurrection life (eternal life) to the world.”

John, Chapter 6, Verse 35...

THE SALVATION OFFER

Whosoever Believes in Him

JOHN 6:35

Jesus said to the crowd, “I AM the bread of life...he who comes to Me will not hunger...and he who believes in Me will never thirst.”

First Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verses 3 and 4...

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Whosoever Believes in Him

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:3

For I (the apostle Paul) delivered to all of you as of primary importance the gospel message I also received from God...that it was Jesus Christ who died for your sins according to the Old Testament Scriptures...

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Whosoever Believes in Him

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:4

...and that He was buried...and that He was raised from the dead on the third day...according to the Old Testament Scriptures...

In John, Chapter 6, Verse 37, the Lord sums up the gospel message...

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JOHN 6:37b

...the ones who come to Me to believe in Me...I will certainly not cast out into the outer darkness...the Lake of Fire.

Believe now! Please. It's the best decision you'll ever make.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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CLOSING SONG INTRODUCTION

Let's close with music! It's a pleasure to celebrate the Lord, who left the comforts of heaven to save a group of wretched sinners. Let's listen to Larnelle Harris and the Maranatha Singers praise Him in the song LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH.

MUSIC

CLOSING SONG

Let's Sing the Lord's Praises

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Maranatha Music

Ephesians, Chapter 1, Verse 3...

DOXOLOGY

Praise God!

EPHESIANS 1:3

Worthy of praise is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us believers in Christ in eternity past with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms...a place of permanence...through our union with Christ...

Ephesians, Chapter 1, Verses 7 and 8...

DOXOLOGY

Praise God!

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EPHESIANS 1:7-8

In union with Jesus...we believers in Christ have redemption...deliverance from slavery to sin through His shed blood...and the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the glorious wealth provided by His grace...which He lavished on us...including as a gift, wisdom and insight...

First Timothy, Chapter 1, Verse 17...

DOXOLOGY

Praise God!

FIRST TIMOTHY 1:17

Now to the King of kings and Lord of lords...the Lord Jesus Christ...to the eternal, immortal, invisible One...to the One and Only God...be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...

Almighty God and Father...

...thank you for providing the whole world with a holiday where everything stops...a time when everyone turns away from the daily grind to focus on the life Your Son provides...give the whole world an obvious opportunity this year to know Jesus Christ...the Messiah...the One who gave up His life to save us...

...as we spend time around unbelieving family members and friends this holiday season, give us the courage to provide them with the accurate gospel message...help them see religion is not the answer...help them know unbelief is not wise...show them the answer for their eternal future comes through the agency of the indescribable Person we celebrate today...the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

Help us encourage them to pray this prayer...

SINNER'S PRAYER

God the Father, I am a sinner and I need a Savior...I know I can't do anything to save myself...thank you for letting the Lord Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, do the work of salvation for me...

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SINNER'S PRAYER

...and right now, Father, I believe in Christ...and I want to live with You, and with Him, and with God the Holy Spirit forever...

...then let us celebrate their salvation as we continue to make it clear to everyone we meet that the Christmas message is the gospel message, the offer of the free gift of salvation for WHOSOEVER is willing to believe in Christ...

...and Father we pray that You continue to shape the messages from this pulpit that are an accurate reflection of Your unconditional love, Your glorious Person, Your lucid thinking, Your impeccable work, Your forgiveness, Your grace, and Your magnificent essence...

...we ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

KEEP ON STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD DAILY!

Thanks for coming!
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Thanks for listening!

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We'll see you in the New Year starting February 1.