

The Christmas Attitude (Part 1)

1. The Christmas Confusion
2. Biblical Christmas:
3. The Christmas Attitude
 - a. The _____ of Christ was the foundation of Christmas (Phil 2:5)
 - b. Christ _____ Christmas (Phil 2:6)
4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Adam (Gen 2:16-17; Gen 3:6-7; Rom 5:12)
 - b. Satan (Gen 3:15)
 - c. Abraham (Gen 17:7-8)
 - d. Moses (Heb 10:1-4)
 - e. David (2 Sam 7:12-13; Dan 2:44; Dan 7:13-14)
 - f. Hope (Jer 33:6-11; Jer 30:3-9; Jer 31:31-34; Isa 7:14; Isa 9:2-4,6-7; Mal 3:1-2; 4:5-6)
 - g. Silence
5. The Attitude of _____ _____
6. The Exact truth
 - a. The Reason for Christmas
 - b. The Emptying of Christmas
 - c. The Response to Christmas

Discussion Questions

1. List some of the main Christmas traditions that you followed as a child and those you've followed as an adult.
2. Using the Bible as your reference (e.g. Luke 1-2, Matthew 1-2, and Philippians 2), list significant truths about Christmas.
3. Compare and contrast your answer to #1 with your answer to #2. How close is your traditional Christmas celebration to the intent of the biblical Christmas?
4. Look up the verses in the "Unfinished Business" section of the outline. What things are mentioned in those verses which Jesus Christ came to accomplish at His 1st coming? What things are still "unfinished business?"
5. Read Phil 2:5-7. Consider that Paul wrote about Jesus not "grasping" but "emptying Himself" in order to become like us. According to the Bible in what ways did Jesus become like us? In what ways was He NOT like us before?
6. Why did Jesus do what Paul described in Phil 2:5-7? What attitude did Jesus have that Paul wants us to have?
7. How should having this attitude affect our Christmas preparation and celebrations?
8. Read Amos 5:18-24 and Isaiah 1:10-20. With what is the Lord angry in these passages? Do you think He is pleased with the way most people celebrate Christmas? Why or why not? When we consider the "exact truth" about Christmas, that Jesus came to be like us, and why He came to be like us, is it possible that He looks down on many of our Christmas celebrations and says, "I hate them?"