

# Church Announcements and Events:



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK:

- We will not be having Services on Wednesday or Thursday this week in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Stay blessed, safe with friends and family this week. We love and appreciate you! - Pastors Ed & Cynthia

## CALNDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2020: "Our Year of Multiplication & Increase"

- ⇒ **ATTENTION ALL LADIES AND WOMEN OF GOD!** Mark your calendars for the Kick-Off of our TWCC Women's Ministry on **Sunday, January 12th, 2019 @ 6:00pm. It's Women's Ministry!**
- ⇒ Starting Sunday Mornings beginning **Sunday, January 26th, 2020 (at 9:15am - 9:45am): School of Victory—(both Men's & Women's Classes)**. These are classes and sessions for all who wish to grow more in their effective living for the Lord. It is a verse by verse study of Colossians Chapter 1.



- ⇒ Wednesdays during the **Month of January 2020** we will focus on GIFTS. Beginning, **Wednesday, January 8th, 2020** we will teach on Spiritual GIFTS and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Join us to **Rediscover** your GIFTS and GRACES by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.
- ⇒ **Help us GO.** Sow towards our GOING to be receive refreshing, renewing and reviving as Pastors. Prayerfully give towards our "GO Supply" by giving in the offering your extra gift (over and above your regular giving) of generosity to help us GO. We appreciate your faithful prayers, partnership and generous financial support.



- \* **KCM Minister's Conference** (Jan 23rd - 26th 2020)
- \* **KHM Winter Bible Seminar** (Feb 16th - 21st 2020)
- \* **MHM Supernatural Leadership Conf** (Mar 10th - 13th, 2020)

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**Welcome to your Church!**

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**2020 is our Year of  
MULTIPLICATION and INCREASE!**

**SERMON TITLE: “Christ and Christmas In Context”**  
**Read Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:21 and Luke 2:1 - 21 (NKJV)**

- In verses, 1 – 3 of this passage we just read, Mary and Joseph has to travel nearly 100-miles south from their hometown of Nazareth in order to comply with the emperor’s edict, a census taken for the purposes of taxation and conscription. (Conscription is the practice of ordering people by law to serve in the armed forces)
- Centuries after King David’s birth, Bethlehem (“House of Bread”) would also be the birthplace of Jesus. **Micah 5:2 (NKJV)** – *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”*
- Significantly, this is the town where the eternal Son of God became flesh – the Bread of God coming down from Heaven. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, deity invaded humanity, eternity invaded time, and royalty invaded poverty.
- God chose the least of all cities (Bethlehem) to host the birth of His Son, and He chose the least of society (shepherds) as the first witnesses. Shepherds were considered ceremonially unclean because they invariably had to engage in financial transactions with Gentiles; therefore, they were not allowed to worship in the temple. Neither were they allowed to testify in court, because they were considered unreliable witnesses.
- The angels’ message contained three components:
  - (1) a song of \_\_\_\_\_ (glory to God)
  - (2) a song of \_\_\_\_\_ (on earth peace)
  - (3) a song of \_\_\_\_\_ (goodwill toward men)



- Why is this so significant of an angelic announcement and that is relevant today? This season, this message of the gospel and this scenario reminds us that humanity is no longer at odds and at enmity with Almighty God; God’s Son has torn down those barriers! **Read Matthew 2:1 – 11 (NKJV)**

**BEAUTIFUL GIVING AND THE GIFTS FROM THE WISE MEN:**

- During the Christmas season, much is said about \_\_\_\_\_. *“For God so loved the world that He gave...” (John 3:16)* is perhaps the most profound and sublime statement in all the Scripture. Jesus gave \_\_\_\_\_ and completely of Himself, and thank God that He did. We have life today— eternal life and abundant life— because of how He \_\_\_\_\_.
- Giving from the \_\_\_\_\_ motivated by genuine love (not from compulsion, guilt, pressure, manipulation, etc.) energizes both givers and recipients, and expresses the beauty of grace.
  - When Christ was born - \_\_\_\_\_ was given so we might \_\_\_\_\_ in Him!
  - When Christ was born - \_\_\_\_\_ came down that we might be \_\_\_\_\_ in Him!
  - When Jesus came and was born to \_\_\_\_\_ die for us, we take \_\_\_\_\_ that our redemption and salvation was completed in Him!
- The wise men were seeking the one who was “born King of the Jews.” It was customary in that day that no one approach the king without offering him a gift. When the wise men were summoned by King Herod, even though he was in his royal palace, in his royal garments, there is no indication that they were impressed or offered him gifts.
- The wise men were preoccupied with finding the One they sought. Jesus had been born in Bethlehem (literally, The House of Bread). Jesus later called Himself: The Bread of Life; The Living Bread; The Bread Which Came Down From Heaven
  - They not only offered Him gifts, but they worshipped Him as well.
- Christ came at the right \_\_\_\_\_ and at the right \_\_\_\_\_ to the right \_\_\_\_\_. **Galatians 4:4 (NLT)** – *“But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.”*
- The Lord Jesus Christ is the gift that \_\_\_\_\_ ON GIVING! Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ gift of God and gift of love! His Birth signifies ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ to all people!
- We must \_\_\_\_\_ Christ in context at \_\_\_\_\_ by bringing Christ into our daily living: Time; Place and Conditions.
- We are to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and we are to \_\_\_\_\_ like Christ! **Matthew 2:11 (NKJV)** - *“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”* Have you ever stopped to think of the significance of these gifts?
- Let’s examine these gifts a little closer, but I want to be careful not to over-spiritualize matters and try to make everything symbolic. On the other hand, though, it would seem that these three gifts – gold, frankincense, and myrrh – speak of three major aspects of what this child would accomplish.
  - Gifts should reflect something about the \_\_\_\_\_.

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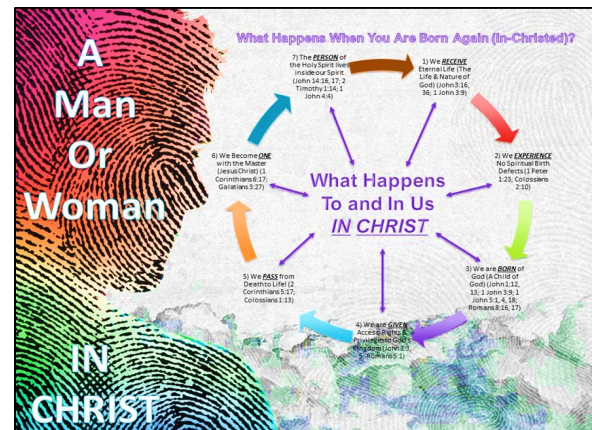
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**SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)**

**SERMON TITLE: “Christ and Christmas in Context”**

- (1) **MYRRH** was a gift for one who would \_\_\_\_\_. Among other things, myrrh was a perfume used in embalming and in preparing bodies for the grave. Read John 19:38-40 (NKJV) How ironic that at this time, there would be a reminder that Jesus was born so that He could die. His substitutionary death was pre-determined. Jesus is called *“The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8)*
  - (2) **FRANKINCENSE** was a gift suited for a \_\_\_\_\_. Under the Old Covenant, the priests would offer up frankincense... 1. Along with the sacrifices. 2. At the golden altar of incense in the Holy Place. o When Jesus rose from the dead, He began to function as our great High \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (3) **GOLD** is a gift for a \_\_\_\_\_; a precious metal suitable for royalty. The wise men were seeking the one who was “Born King of the Jews.” Yet Jesus made it clear that His kingdom, “Is not of this world.”
- ARE YOU IN CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS?**
- We’ve been discovering and rediscovering that fact that you and I look a whole better \_\_\_\_\_ Christ than *outside* of Christ. You are either IN Christ or perhaps IN \_\_\_\_\_. Do you know Who you are and Who you belong to this Christmas Season? Is Jesus the real reason for you this season and every season?
  - **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** – *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”*



- If you don't know \_\_\_\_\_ you are you act like \_\_\_\_\_ else.
  - Keep \_\_\_\_\_ in Christmas and be IN \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.
    - (1) You are a \_\_\_\_\_ New Creation - **2 Corinthians 5:17**. Every day is a \_\_\_\_\_ day IN CHRIST. **Galatians 6:14-15**
    - (2) We are \_\_\_\_\_ Now – **2 Corinthians 5:21**
    - (3) We are \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHRIST – **Ephesians 1:3**
    - (4) We have \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHRIST – **2 Corinthians 2:14**
    - (5) We have \_\_\_\_\_ IN CHRIST – **Romans 8:1, 2**
- Our Father God put IN CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_ He wanted you and me to be. And He put IN CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_

He wanted you and me to have. Have the \_\_\_\_\_, have the \_\_\_\_\_, have the \_\_\_\_\_, and have the \_\_\_\_\_ that belongs to you IN Christ this Christmas. Let Christ be the Ultimate Gift of love in your life this season and every season. Don't have an \_\_\_\_\_ crises, stay strong IN Christ!

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