



Sermon Series: The Victory of Christmas

Sermon Title: "The Victory of Compassion Over Self-Absorption"

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

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Who are you living for? (V. 1-2; James 4:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Luke 9:23-26)

1. ***Christmas is a reminder to wake up from our self-absorption and to reflect the heart of Christ.** (V. 3-4)

**Christmas – The celebration of the incarnation (the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh from heaven to earth).*

- Biblical compassion is more than sympathy and pity. It is an active expression of love that moves to meet the true needs of others. (James 2:14-17)

2. **Christmas calls us to *consider the magnitude of the compassion of Jesus, the greatest compassion ever displayed.** (V. 5-8)

**consider – to think upon; to be drawn towards*

- A infinitely humble compassion. (Luke 2:16; Matthew 11:29-30)
- A divinely purposeful compassion. (Galatians 4:4-5; 1 John 4:9-10, 14)
- A immeasurably costly compassion. (Romans 8:31-32; Luke 12:22-34)

3. **Christmas provides an(other) opportunity to magnify Christ's compassion as we recognize the vastness of our need.** (V. 9-11; John 1:14; Romans 5:12 Romans 6:23)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. In what ways have you been self-absorbed rather than compassionate this year?
2. How does Christmas provide an opportunity to "wake up" to compassion?
3. How does the compassion of Christ lead you to humility? How does it bring you encouragement and comfort?
4. Why would we claim that Jesus' compassion is the greatest compassion ever displayed?
5. What is/are the purposes of God's compassion? How is Christmas as much like D-Day as it is a birthday celebration?
6. How can we best magnify Christ's compassionate incarnation? How will everyone ultimately magnify Christ?