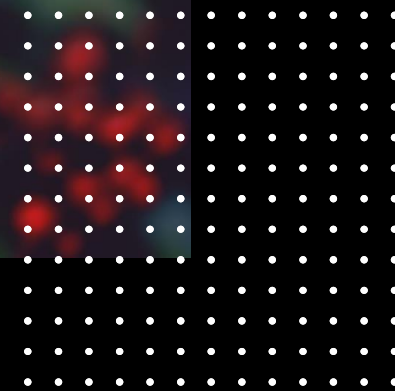


CHRIST
THE
SAVIOR
IS
BORN

“WISE MEN
STILL SEEK
HIM...”



● Differences in Matthew and Luke's birth Narrative...

Matthew

- A Genealogy of Kings
- Joseph's genealogy (Legal)
- Wise Men from the East
- Herod's Issues (Threatened by a King) flight to Egypt and wise men changing route

Luke

- A Physical Genealogy
- Mary's Story fused with that of her cousin
- Shepherds came to worship
- Jesus presented in the temple/Simeon, Anna





Let's Read Luke 2:4-18

Christmas is a time for
CELEBRATION!!!

Christmas is a time of
SALVATION!!!

Christmas is a time for
RECONCILIATION!!!





THE FIRST
PURPOSE OF
CHRISTMAS
IS
CELEBRATION

I BRING YOU GOOD
TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY.





**Celebrate the fact
that God Loves
You!!!**

John 3:16

James 1:18 New Century Version:
God decided to give us life through
the word of truth so we might be the
most important of all things made.

When the Romans stretched Jesus on
the cross—with his arms stretched
wide, he was essentially saying “I love
you this much! I love so much it
hurts!” *Emily Clark*

● Celebrate the fact that God is with you!!!

- Matthew 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”
- Psalm 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
- Matthew 28:20 “...and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world AMEN.” Notice how Matthew almost begins and ends with a promise.



● Celebrate the fact that God is for us!!

- Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?
- God is not secretly out to get us. He is for us. No one wants what is best for you more than God. He does not want us to be afraid of Him. He wants us to run to Him not from Him. 365 times in the Bible God says “Do Not Be Afraid”.
- 1 John 4:18
- John 3:17





THE SECOND
PURPOSE OF
CHRISTMAS
IS SALVATION

TODAY... THERE IS BORN
FOR YOU A SAVIOR, WHO
IS CHRIST THE LORD.





The Gift of Salvation

- When people think of spiritual salvation, they often have a very narrow concept of it: they often think that salvation is only being saved from hell. But God had so much more in mind than just fire insurance when He sent Jesus to be the savior. **God's gift of true salvation is FREEDOM, PURPOSE, and LIFE in three dimensions. It includes your past, present, and future.**

- Jesus saves you **FROM** something...
 - He saves us from our sins – (For all have sinned...) (Born in sin – we are fallen). 1 John 1:8-18; Romans 7:15-17; Isaiah 59:2
 - He saves us from ourselves. (We are the source of most of our own problems.)





Salvation is
FREEDOM

- Freedom from the guilt of our past... (God has forgiven you—now forgive yourself.)
- Freedom from bitterness and resentment...
- Freedom from the expectations of others... (Focus on God's unconditional love.)
- Freedom from addictive habits... (NO longer a slave to sin)
- Freedom from the fear of death...



- Jesus saves you **FOR** something...
 - Ephesians 1:4 ...just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love...
 - 2 Corinthians 5:15
 - Mark 8:35
 - Jesus saves you for a purpose... What is yours?



- Jesus saves you **BY** something... **GRACE**
 - Grace is God's Riches At Christ's Expense
 - Grace is God's love in action
 - Grace is when God freely gives you what you need even though you don't deserve it and can never repay Him
 - Colossians 2:13-15
 - For by grace through faith we are saved...





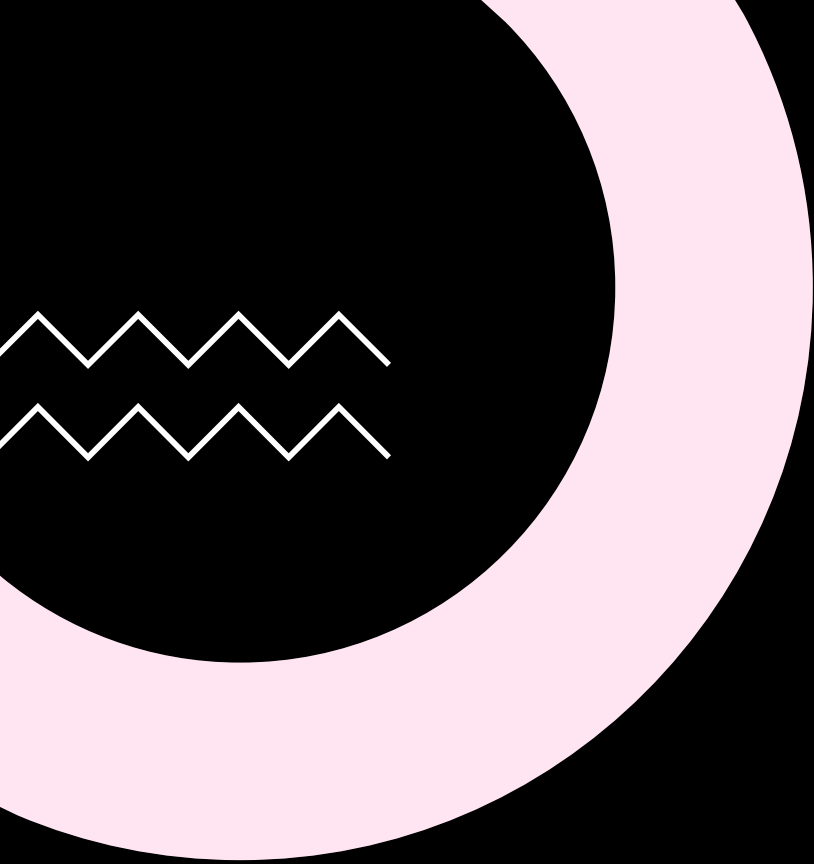
THE THIRD
PURPOSE OF
CHRISTMAS IS
RECONCILIATION

GLORY TO GOD IN THE
HIGHEST, AND ON
EARTH PEACE, GOOD
WILL TOWARD MEN



**2 CORINTHIANS
5:17-21**





- 1) Peace with God
- 2) The Peace of God
- 3) Peace with Others

PEACE...

