

***“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:22***

This beautiful Christmas message, recorded in God’s Holy Word, is read each year at this time from our pulpits and in our Christian homes. For the believer, it brings renewed joy and thanksgiving. It is as though God’s angel is proclaiming this good news afresh and we are in His very presence. How wonderfully our Heavenly Father stirs our often forgetful hearts with the reason for the hope we embrace within, namely Christ Jesus, and the promise of eternal life through Him.

Have you ever thought, dear fellow traveler, how we are capable of causing this joyful message to become an almost muted repetition of words we have heard so many times before? It is true. We are indeed capable of such folly when we fail to witness to others of the true meaning of Christmas.

This beautiful message from God will always remain the same because He never turns from His promises. However, the influence of this world upon our hearts can diminish the joy with which it is to be received. The prince of the power of spiritual darkness is always close at hand to dim our vision and dull our hearing. So clever is our arch-enemy that he does not always openly refute the Christmas story, as that may cause alarm and arouse even the complacent believers from their slumber. But notice how cunningly deceitful Satan truly is. He (Satan) may even dare to acknowledge Christmas in such a way as to cause men’s hearts to be filled with merriment. So merry would he want us to become that we long for the parties and festive outward celebrations, so common during this season, and so pleasing to our human nature: but so often Christ is left out. If these events do not appeal to us, he may then attempt to overwhelm us with the spirit of giving. Surely there can be no wrong in this. But, dear friend, have you ever been driven to the point of frenzied distraction and exhaustion trying to find the perfect gift, and all the while murmuring in frustration and already wishing Christmas was past?

Remember beloved, God has already given the perfect gift. His gift is Jesus, the innocent lamb of God, who came to take away our sin and bring salvation to you and me and to all who will repent and believe the gospel. Is this heavenly gift sufficient reason for Godly rejoicing for all believers? We pray that it would be and

that all of mankind would experience this glorious gift of God.

During this Christmas season, and at all times, let us pray that our hearts could be drawn unto our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and with inward peace and joy thank God for the great love he has extended to such poor and undeserving children as we are. Let us teach our children and grandchildren the true meaning of Christmas and proclaim to the whole world that Jesus Christ is our Saviour and is born in the manger of each believing heart. May the blessings of Christmas be forever cherished in your heart and mine.

Ken Storm - pastor

Dec 2	Ken Storm	Holy Communion 11am
Dec 9	Chad Kuivanen	
Dec 16	Ken Storm	Sunday School Program
Dec 23	Charles Korhonen	
Dec 24	Ken Storm	Caroling 6:30
Dec 30	Ken Storm	

Sunday School/Adult Bible Studay 10am
Church at 11:00am
Bible Study at 7pm on Wednesday.

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