

Sunday, December 5, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

From a Manger to a Wedding Banquet

Series: Advent 2021 - 1

Text: Philippians 2:1 - 13

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the FULLNESS of the LOVE of our Lord Jesus Christ for all believers.

Introduction:

Last week's devotional was from Colossians 3:1 - 17 and entitled "Put Away the Old"

1. Put to Death
2. Put Them Away
3. Put on the New Self
4. Put on Love

~ vs. 1, the great challenge - "So if there is any..."

~ vs. 2, the divine result - "complete my joy..."

~ vs. 3, the divine instruction - "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

~ vs. 4, divine love in action - "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

But HOW?

~ vs. 5, "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,"

1. Consider the Manger:

~ Philippians 2:6 - 7, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

~ Matthew 2:1 - 12; Jesus Christ born in Bethlehem, born a KING, but not a King on earth yet!

~ Luke 2:8 - 21; vs. 12, "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

2. Consider the Cross:

~ Philippians 2:8, "And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

~ Matthew 16:13 - 23

vs. 16, Peter's inspired confession

vs. 22, Peter's errant direction to Jesus Christ

vs. 23, Peter reproved by the Lord

~ Matthew 26:39, "And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

Here is the humanity of the Lamb of God!

~ Luke 23:34, "And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments."

Here is the divinity of the Lamb of God!

~ 1 Corinthians 2:6 - 8, "Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. (7) But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. (8) None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

Satan does not have all knowledge.

3. Consider the Wedding Banquet:

~ Philippians 2:9 - 11

~ Romans 1:4, "and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord."

~ Revelation 5, the Lamb of God, the resurrected Jesus Christ in Glory!

~ Revelation 19:6 - 10, Jesus Christ and His Bride

~ Ephesians 5:25 - 33, "This mystery is profound..."

Conclusion:

Communion