

Sunday, December 12, 2021

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

The Divine Gift

Series: Advent 2021 - 2

Text: John 3:1 - 17; Matthew 2:1 - 12

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the inexpressible GIFT of Christ Jesus and His continual giving in every believers life!

Introduction:

Our devotional last week was from Philippians 2:1 - 13 and entitled "From a Manger to a Wedding Banquet"

1. Consider the Manger
2. Consider the Cross
3. Consider the Wedding Banquet

~ What special Christmas gifts have you receive? Cheryl gave me a beautiful Eddie Bauer watch; Kim gave me a metal model in cherry red of my father's favorite car, a 1940 Ford Coupe; and Johnny gave me a special Swiss Army Knife!

~ The first Christmas that Lyn and I were married Lyn and Dad prepared the turkey and the dressing...family is a great gift!!!

~ Greatest gift in my life was coming to a place of great brokenness and finally accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior!

1. The Father's Gift of the Son:

~ John 3:1 - 17 and Matthew 2:1 - 12

~ John 3:1 - 2 Nicodemus comes to Jesus and makes a statement, did not ask a question!

~ John 3:3 Jesus replies, "Jesus answered him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"

~ John 3:4 - 15, Nicodemus's question, the response of Jesus Christ and Nicodemus's confusion!

~ John 3:16 - 17, the gift of God revealed.
This is what Christmas is all about!

2. The Gift of Jesus Christ:

~ 1 Peter 1:3 - 5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, (5) who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

~ 1 Peter 1:22 - 23, "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, (23) since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;"

~ John 1:12 - 13, "But of all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

~ Colossians 1:27 - 29, "To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (28) Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. (29) For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

~ Philippians 2:12 - 13, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, (13) for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

3. The Gift from the Father and the Son:

~ John 14:16 - 17, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."

~ John 7:38 - 39, "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' (39) Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

~ John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

~ Romans 8:1 - 11

Conclusion:

Luke 11:1 - 13