

Christmas Is Coming 1

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Ezekiel 22:30-31 – ³⁰ "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. ³¹ So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord."

Sin demands judgment from a Holy God. God was looking for a person who would stand before Him and ask for His mercy.

God is always looking for a person to stand before Him and ask Him to be merciful.

Abraham Stands In The Gap:

Abraham intercedes for Sodom and Gomorrah.

God judged Sodom and Gomorrah because of the absence of the Righteous.

Everyone Before Jesus Was Pointing To Him:

I John 4:10 – This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the payment or propitiation for our sins.

Propitiation: to make amends or payment for one's crimes.

After Jesus Rose From The Dead, He Now Points To Us:

Mark 16:15-16 – ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

We are to accomplish this by the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 5:30 – I can't do anything on my own.

Philippians 2:5-8 – ⁵ Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. ⁶ He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. ⁷ Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! ⁸ Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion.

Luke 4:18 – "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed [enabled] Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed.

John 16:7 – Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient or good for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter [The Holy Spirit] will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Very Last Words of Jesus:

Acts 1:8-9 – ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

You have the power of the Holy Spirit to be a witness.

The Holy Spirit is called a "river of living water," not a "lake."

The Holy Spirit is in me for my benefit, and upon me for others.

Yield to the Holy Spirit and have Him drawn out of you, like the woman—who had the issue of blood—drew the power of God out of Jesus.

Do you want to be used by God and experience the power of the Holy Spirit?

Unless you act, you won't ever experience this power.