



THE CHRISTMAS PURPOSE

WHY THE INCARNATION MEANS EVERYTHING
PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11

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1. See _____ (vv.8-9)

2. Put _____ (vv.7-9)

3. Live _____ (vv.10-11)

Philippians 3:7

*But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—**10** that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*

(ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Titus 3:4-7**. This passage is not usually associated with Christmas, but how does it perfectly explain why the incarnation was necessary for our salvation, especially in light of our inability to save ourselves?
2. Read **Romans 3:20-24**. Can you identify ways you once trusted your own efforts, morality, or obedience—and how this passage confronts that kind of confidence?
3. Read **Philippians 2:8-11**. Why is it so important for Christians not to forget the cross when they consider the manger?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 1:30-31**. What does it mean that Christ is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, and how does that truth recalibrate our view of ourselves?
5. Read **Colossians 1:24-27**. How can you, especially during this Christmas season, follow Christ's pattern of sacrifice in order to extend the hope of Christ to others?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 22-20 – **Grace & Works**
Msg. 06-52 – **Good Works & Eternal Life: Avoiding the Big Misunderstanding**
Msg. 20-37 – **The Fruit-Producing Relationship**
Msg. 09-19 – **Making Sense of Abraham's Faith & Works**
Msg. 07-24 – **Looking Past the Pain to the Prize**
Msg. 07-12 – **Taking Hold of the Hope of a New Start**
Msg. 09-10 – **Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Dec. 21st Mic. 6-7 & Rev. 12
Dec. 22nd Nah. 1-3 & Rev. 13
Dec. 23rd Hab. 1-3 & Rev. 14
Dec. 24th Zeph. 1-3 & Rev. 15
Dec. 25th Hag. 1-2 & Rev. 16
Dec. 26th Zech. 1-3 & Rev. 17
Dec. 27th Zech. 4-6 & Rev. 18
Dec. 28th Zech. 7-9 & Rev.

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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