

-Luke 2:8-38

***-Our Response to the Advent of the
Christ-child***

-Elevating Christmas to the level of worship within the church and our Christian homes that it deserves and thereby showing the world around us what they are truly missing in the emptiness of their celebrations and taking the opportunity to share with them this amazing Gospel.

**-Righteous and devout = saved and
sanctified**

-Romans 3:20 (LSB) because by the works of the Law NO FLESH WILL BE JUSTIFIED IN HIS SIGHT, for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

-Romans 3:28 (LSB) For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

-Romans 4:2 (LSB) For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about--but not before God!

-Genesis 15:6 (LSB) Then he believed in Yahweh; and He counted it to him as righteousness.

**-Galatians 3:6 (LSB) Just as
Abraham BELIEVED GOD AND IT
WAS COUNTED TO HIM AS
RIGHTEOUSNESS,**

-Galatians 3:11 (LSB) Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident, for “THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

-John 17:15-17 (LSB) 15 “I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. 16 “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 “Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.

**-Romans 6:22 (LSB) But now
having been freed from sin and
enslaved to God, you have your
benefit, leading to sanctification,
and the end, eternal life.**

-1 Thessalonians 4:7 (LSB) For God did not call us to impurity, but in sanctification.

-Exodus 31:1-3 (LSB) 1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 “And *I have filled him with the Spirit of God* in wisdom, in discernment, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship,

-1 Samuel 16:13 (LSB) Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of Yahweh came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

**-Micah 3:8 (LSB) On the other hand
I am filled with power-- With the
Spirit of Yahweh-- And with justice
and might To declare to Jacob his
transgression, Even to Israel his
sin.**

-Luke 1:15-17 (LSB) 15 “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and HE WILL NOT DRINK ANY WINE OR STRONG DRINK, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb. 16 “And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. 17 “And he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

-Luke 1:41 (LSB) And it happened that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

-Luke 1:67 (LSB) And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied...

-John 14:16-17 (LSB) 16 “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, that He may be with you forever; 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. You know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

-Romans 8:9-11 (LSB) 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. *But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.* 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies *through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

-Born of a virgin:

-Genesis 3:15 (LSB) And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

-Isaiah 7:14 (LSB) “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

-Born in Bethlehem:

-Micah 5:2 (LSB) “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from everlasting, From the ancient days.”

-Of the seed of Abraham:

**-Genesis 22:18 (LSB) “In your seed
all the nations of the earth shall be
blessed, because you have listened
to My voice.”**

-Of the line of David:

-2 Samuel 7:12-13 (LSB) 12 “When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up one of your seed after you, who will come forth from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

-Jeremiah 23:5-6 (LSB) 5 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares Yahweh, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and prosper And do justice and righteousness in the land. 6 “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘Yahweh our righteousness.’

**-Our proper response to the advent
of the Christ-child:**

**A heart filled with thankfulness and
praise to God in heaven above for
such a wonderful gift of the Savior
for His people from among all
peoples.**

-The second aspect:

**To continue to speak of Him to all
who are waiting for redemption.**

-2 Timothy 2:10 (LSB)

**For this reason I endure all things
for the sake of the elect, so that
they also may obtain the salvation,
which is in Christ Jesus, with
eternal glory.**