

“Celebrating Christmas To The Glory Of God” (Part 1) —  
The Biblical Worldview Of Waiting And Working  
1 Peter 1:6-12

*“The birth of Jesus Christ is the most important and anticipated event in all of human history. Jesus is the only Person who has had an impact on every human being who has ever walked the planet. Jesus is the reason that every other event in human history has eternal significance. We cannot succeed at overemphasizing the importance of Jesus Christ.”*

- *“Concerning this salvation....”* (v. 10): We are WAITING to see Christ because by faith we LOVE Him. We are WORKING for Christ because of the JOY that we have presently and what awaits us in our glorification and rewards.
- *“...the Prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours....”*: *“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.... ‘These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures”* (Luke 24:27,44-45). *‘But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.’* (Matthew 13:16-17)
- *“....searched and inquired carefully....”*: The Prophets knew of the grace of God (Exodus 34:6; Jonah 4:2) and that salvation was ultimately available to everyone (Isaiah 45:20-24; 55:1-2,6-7) but they did not know the specifics of how this would all play out (Genesis 3:15; 12:3; Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 53:1-12).
- *“...the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories....”* (v. 11): The sufferings of Christ are clearly laid out in Isaiah 53:1-12. *“The subsequent glories”* are the resurrection (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:10; Matthew 12:40), ascension (Psalm 68:18; Ephesians 4:8-10), the Second Coming (Zechariah 12:10-13:1; Deuteronomy 30:3-5), and the Millennial Reign of Christ (Micah 4:1-4; Isaiah 11:1-10).
- *“....things into which the angels long (strong desire not easily satisfied) to look.”* (v. 12): The angels are fascinated by the grace of God given to mankind, are we? The angels announced Christ’s birth (Luke 2:8-14), ministered to Christ after His temptation (Matthew 4:11), stood by the grave when He arose (Matthew 28:1-7), were present at His ascension (Acts 1:10-11), and they serve Him by ministering to believers (Hebrews 1:14).

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**Worship:** Joy To The World — Various Artists

God Omniscient, God All Knowing — Matt Boswell

Christ Is Mine Forevermore — CityAlight **Closing Song:** O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer — Sovereign Grace Music

**Service Times:** Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

**Announcements:**

★**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** We are having a Children's Ministry meeting TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. If you currently serve in this ministry please plan to stay for this meeting!

★**CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING PARTY: LADIES**, we will be having a Christmas Cookie Decorating party THIS Wednesday, December 14th, at 7pm at Christina Strawn's house (150 Pierson Blvd). Please RSVP to Christina as soon as possible so that she can make sure there are enough cookies to decorate! (740-755-6512)

★**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** We will be having our normal midweek Thursday worship service on December 22nd. We will NOT be having a Christmas Eve Service. We WILL BE having our normal worship service on Christmas Day at 5:30pm, there will be NO Children's Ministry offered during the worship service on Christmas Day!

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, December 18th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!