

**THE CIRCLE OF GRACE**  
**Guess Who's Coming to Christmas – Part 2 of 4**

*“1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers...” Matthew 1:1-2*

*“23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the richly ornamented robe he was wearing-- 24 and they took him and threw him into the cistern. Now the cistern was empty; there was no water in it 25 As they sat down to eat their meal they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. 26 Judah said to his brothers, ‘What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.’ His brothers agreed.” Genesis 34:23-27*

**KEY TRUTH #1:** NEVER has anyone ever been expected to come to God on their own RIGHTEOUSNESS.

**KEY TRUTH #2:** Self-righteousness has never made a person BETTER.

**BOTTOM LINE:** You and I are the point of Christmas. God came into this world to extend GRACE to people who didn't DESERVE it.