

**I NEED**  
**Because It's Christmas – Part 2 of 3**

*“...I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.” Luke 2:10b*

**INITIAL QUESTION:** What do I have to **BELIEVE** in order to be a Christian?

**BETTER QUESTION:** Is Christianity **GOOD** for our culture?

*“3 ... I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning... 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.” Luke 1:3-4*

*“The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the Kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.” Luke 16:16*

*“Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us...” Luke 1:1*

*“1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, 2 he saw at the water's edge two boats left there by the fisherman who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon Peter, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4... 'put out into the deep water and let down the nets for a catch.' 5... 'We've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.' 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus's knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' 10 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men.' 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.” Luke 5:1-5, 8, 10-11*

*“4...I have reasons for such confidence...5 I'm of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.” Philippians 3:4-5*

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23*

**BOTTOM LINE:** You cannot get to where you **NEED** to be until you acknowledge **WHERE** you are today.

*“And all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” Romans 3:24*

*“10 But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11*