

“The Peculiarity of Advent”

Romans 8:32

1. Just like Christmas, you are _____;
you are _____ and you are _____.
(1 Pet. 2:9a)

2. You are _____ because _____ makes you valuable.
(Eph. 2:10a; Gen. 1:27; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 5:8; Rev. 3:17)

3. God’s Christmas _____ keeps on _____.
(Rom. 8:32)

Discussion Questions

1. How many Christmas presents from last year do you remember? How many are you using?
2. What’s the most peculiar Christmas present you have ever received? What happened to it?
3. Read Luke 2:6-20. Why do you think the Birth announcement was first given to shepherds? How do you think things might have been different if the angels had appeared to the Jewish Sanhedrin (Jewish “Supreme Court”) instead?
4. What are some of the many peculiarities of that first Advent?
5. Do you feel special? Why or why not?
6. Romans 5:8 is so familiar to most Christians that its impact can be overlooked. Read Romans 5:8 and discuss the deep significance of what this passage is teaching. Then describe how you should respond.
7. Read 2 Cor. 5:17. What does this passage mean? How are you “new”? What “old” things disappeared when you accepted Jesus?
8. What are some ways to live out this sermon?