

Luke 2:8-11, 20

Day 1: The mystery of Jesus Christ

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Meditation: This passage is right there in the middle of talking about the rules of elders and deacons. I mention this because its important to see that Paul is telling his readers that in addition to the qualifications for certain leaders in the church, the church needs to remember what God gave everyone of them. This mystery of salvation is something that none of us can ever fully understand. Jesus became man so that man can have a relationship with God. It truly is the great mystery...

Reflection: Have you ever had someone do something for you out of the blue that you least expected? What went through your mind when that happened? Did you feel unworthy? Thankful? Embarrassed? Relieved? What Jessus did for us should make us feel all those traits I just mentioned. Spend time reflecting on what it truly was that Jesus did for you personally.

Prayer: Seek for God to reveal to you what little things you can do for someone else. Show them the love of God through prayer and whatever else He reveals.

Day 2: The grace of Jesus Christ

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

Meditation: Paul explains to the church that in everything we do, we should do it to the best of our ability. For the simple reason that Christ demonstrated His grace and love to us in the exact same way. He didn't have to give us what He gave, but He loved us so much that it really wasn't an option. It was something He had to do.

Reflection: Jesus loves you so much, He was willing to come here and do all that we see in scripture...just for you. Look to see what you do for others and compare that with what Jesus does for you. Are you able to show just a glimpse of Jesus today? And are you willing to show a glimpse of Jesus today?

Prayer: Pray that you can develop a character that sees what Jesus has done in all aspects of your life.

Day 3: The presence of Jesus Christ

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Meditation: This really is a remarkable process that still works today. Think about it...the shepherds heard a message from the angel that left them speechless and in awe. Once they recognized the message, they met their Savior and once they met their Savior, He changed them forever. So much so that all they could do was go and tell others what had happened to their lives. That's what the presence of Jesus Christ still does today. He changes us forever and leaves us with nothing left to do but to want to tell others about Him.

Reflection: Think back to your salvation. Think about how the conviction was so strong that all you could do was listen to Him and accept Him as your savior. With that thought in mind, how are you doing today spiritually? Have you forgotten what Christ really did for your life? Have you been sharing this with other people through your actions and words?

Prayer: Thank Jesus for His presence. Ask Him to show you areas you can improve spiritually. Then ask Him for the strength to then be active in His kingdom.