

Sermon Outline

Looking Ahead:

Christmas Series: *The Essentials of Christmas*

December 11 "Possessing a Right Heart ~ Joseph," Matthew 1:18-25.

Parents will be dedicating their little ones to the Lord.

December 18 "Possessing an Honest Heart ~ The Shepherds," Luke 2:1-20.

December 24 & 25 "The Essential of Christmas ~ Jesus Christ"

Come to one of three identical services: The 24th at 5:30pm and 7:30pm. The 25th at 10:00am

If you would like to TEXT a prayer request to The Chapel Staff, text the word "prayer" to 269-280-2878.

"The Essentials of Christmas ~ Possessing a Genuine Heart"

Luke 1:26-56

December 4, 2022

Introduction:

What are you like when something really great happens to you?

How do you react? How do you change? Are you different than you were before?

I. To Be Genuine When Receiving "Unbelievable News," v.26-38:

A. Be humble, v.26-29.

B. Be a listener, v.30-33.

C. Be clarifying, v.34-37.

D. Be submissive, v.38.

E. Application:

II. To Be Genuine When Others Speak Well of Us, v.39-45:

A. Be accepting.

B. Application:

III. To be Genuine, We Must Understand That Any Good That Comes to Us, Comes from the Hand of God, v.46-55.

Jm.1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights ...

A. Express praise, not pride, v.46-47.

B. Express humility, not self-righteousness, v. 48-50.

1. We need a correct view of ourselves.

Eph.2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- God isn't looking for your ability, He's looking for your availability.

Eph.3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

2. We need a correct view of the Lord.

C. Express hope, not discouragement, v.51-55.

1. God's power is known, v.51a.

2. God's righteousness is experienced, v.51-53.

3. God's faithfulness is constant, v.54.

D. Application:

Conclusion:

Lk.1:48 ... "From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name."