

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 12-26-21
“Without Jesus we are without _____”

1. Introduction:
 - a. A couple of stories to provoke some thought.
 - 1) Where would we be today if there were no Christmas?
 - 2) Where would we be today if Christ had not been born?
2. Without Jesus we would be without Hope:
 - a. If there were no Jesus, then what would be the focus of our hope?
 - 1) If there is no hope, everything changes.
 - b. When the Bible speaks of hope,,
 - 1) Hope is a focused attention on God that stirs the heart with anticipation.
 - a) Hope is rooted in your relationship with God.
 - b) Hope looks to His return, Hope is transforming, Hope builds character, Hope produces joy.
 - c) The believer is looking for – Titus 2:13
 - c. Do you see it?
 - 1) Everything you and I hope for is wrapped up in Jesus.
3. Without Jesus we would be with the Lamb:
 - a. Hard to imagine:
 - 1) No Lamb, no substitute.
 - 2) I Corinthians 5:7 –
 - 3) Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch – Acts 8:32
4. Without Jesus we would be without Salvation:
 - a. Salvation means –
 - 1) Salvation is the fruit of the Gospel
 - 2) Salvation describes the new birth
 - 3) Salvation means you have been born again
 - 4) Salvation reflects that you have been made right with God
 - 5) Salvation reflects that you are sealed and secure
 - b. Salvation is Jesus:
 - 1) Luke 2:30 –
 - 2) Acts 4:12 –
 - 3) Romans 1:16 –
 - 4) I Thessalonians 5:9 –
5. Without Jesus we would be without Forgiveness:
 - a. Living unforgiven!
 - b. Is forgiveness important?
 - 1) Romans 5:12 –
 - 2) Romans 3:9 –
 - c. Paul specifically linked forgiveness with the death of Christ:
 - 1) Acts 13:38-39 -
 - 2) Ephesians 1:7 -
 - 3) Colossians 1:14 –
 - d. Was our forgiveness important to God?

6. Today's Take Away:
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