

Why Is The Coming of Jesus Important?

Mary bursts into praise when Elizabeth expresses her joy at the coming of Mary. She does so, not because of some commercial or cynical motive. She bursts into praise because she knows that God is doing a profound thing in Jesus.

Scripture(s): Luke 1:46-56

Remember this - Christ's coming brings great joy because it shows God's great _____ to us.

I. The first reason Mary rejoiced at the coming of Jesus is His coming expresses God's love for _____ people. God calls each of us to joyfully receive His _____.

1 Peter 2:10 for you once were not A people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Nehemiah 8:8-10

II. The second reason Mary rejoiced at the coming of Jesus is His coming reminds us of God's _____. God's glorious strength is seen in how He uses the _____ among us.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

III. The third reason Mary rejoiced at the coming of Jesus is His coming declares what God _____. We are all hungry, weak, poor, down trodden, and in need of God's _____.

Isaiah 9:3-5 3 You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; They will be glad in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. 5 For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

Our challenge: Come to God in _____ and receive His constant love.

Consider...

1. How would you _____ your personal relationship to God?

Vibrant or Stagnant? Beginning or Not begun? Fresh or old?

2. Do you live trusting that God can and wants to _____ you?

3. Will you admit your personal weakness and _____ in the knowledge that God still loves you?

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