

Advent • Week 1
A Proper Perspective On Christmas

Before time there was God. Before time and before creation there was a plan. Creation began the unfolding of the plan. The plan was one of salvation. Salvation of the creation by the creator. The purpose of the plan was to magnify the glory of God for the delight and joy of the redeemed. All of history is the history of redemption. Redemptive history had and beginning and has an end. The birth of Jesus is the beginning of the end. Christmas is the story of the beginning of the end.

1Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen him, **you love him**. Though you do not now see him, **you believe in him** and **rejoice with joy** that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

1Peter 1:9 obtaining the **outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls**.

1Peter 1:10 Concerning this salvation, **the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours** searched and inquired carefully,

1Peter 1:11 inquiring what person or time the **Spirit of Christ in them** was indicating when **he predicted the sufferings of Christ** and **the subsequent glories**.

1Peter 1:12 It was **revealed to them** that they were serving not themselves but you, **in the things that have now been announced** to you through those who **preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit** sent from heaven, **things into which angels long to look**.

Colossians 1:16 For by him (Jesus) all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — **all things were created through him and for him**.

Colossians 1:17 And **he is before all things, and in him all things hold together**.

Revelation 13:8 and all who **dwell on earth** will worship it, everyone whose name has **not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.**

John 1:1 **In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.**

John 1:2 **He was in the beginning with God.**

John 1:3 **All things were made through him**, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:4 **In him was life**, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:5 The **light shines in the darkness**, and the **darkness has not overcome it.**

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”**

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate**, and she also **gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.**

Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and **her offspring; he shall bruise your head**, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Genesis 12:2 And **I will make of you** (Abram) a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”

Psalms 105:26 **He sent Moses, his servant,** and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

Exodus 14:13 And **Moses** said to the people, “**Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD,** which **he will work for you** today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.

Exodus 14:14 **The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.**”

Exodus 20:2 “**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

Exodus 32:8 **They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them.** They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, “**These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!**””

Exodus 34:6 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a **God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,**

John 6:31 **Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness;** as it is written, ‘**He gave them bread from heaven to eat.**’”

John 6:32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but **my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.**

John 6:33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, **“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

Numbers 21:9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, **he would look at the bronze serpent and live.**

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **so must the Son of Man be lifted up,**

John 3:15 that **whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

Hebrews 11:16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, **a heavenly one.** Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, **for he has prepared for them a city.**

Hebrews 13:14 For **here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.**

Hebrews 4:9 So then, **there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,**

Jeremiah 23:5 **“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.**

Jeremiah 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: **‘The LORD is our righteousness.’**

Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them that **the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected** by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and **be killed,** and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:32 And **he said this plainly.** And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

1Corinthians 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, **on whom the end of the ages has come.**

Acts 2:16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

Acts 2:17 “And **in the last days** it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

1Peter 1:20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but **was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you**

Hebrews 9:26 for then he (Jesus) would have had to suffer repeatedly **since the foundation of the world**. But as it is, **he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages** to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Hebrews 9:28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, **will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.**

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Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, “**Fear not**, for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David **a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**