Why Christmas Matters – Part 1

1 Tim. 1:13-17

Introduction:

It is possible in the midst of all the chaos and uncertainty surrounding us that we fail to hear what the shepherd's heard, see what the magi saw, hold what Simeon and Anna held, understand what Mary and Joseph understood, and [if an unbeliever fear] what Herod feared. In the incarnation God is fulfilling ancient promises carrying us all the way back to Genesis 3:15. In the birth of Jesus, we celebrate His death, His burial, and His resurrection. The incarnation of Jesus is a punctuation point in the sentence of God. Pentecost is His confirmation that God keeps His word.

Outline:

I.   Christmas Matters Because We Can't - Paul's Past Life (v. 13a)

II.   Christmas Matters Because God Can - God's Present Mercy and Grace (v. 13b)

III.   Christmas Matters Because Jesus Did (vv. 14, 15)

   A. His mercy and grace seen in the Mission of Jesus (vv. 14, 15)

   B. His mercy and grace seen in the Transformation of Paul (v. 16)

   C. His mercy and grace seen in the Adoration by His people (v. 17)

Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

1. Do you know you can't? There is nothing you can do to undo the fall.
2. Do you know that God can? Do you understand that whatever hope you have for the now and future is wrapped up in the mercy and grace of God?
3. Finally, do you know that Jesus did? Jesus has done for you what you could never do for yourself. Today, will you believe this simple but profound truth?

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