

GETTING CHRISTMAS RIGHT...

Luke 1:67-80 *“And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.”*

I. The _____ (Genesis 3:1-7)

a. The _____ of the darkness

Note: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

b. The _____ in the darkness (Galatians 3:13)

i. The _____ of God is impossible for us to obtain (Romans 3:23)

Note: Come short = failed to obtain

Note: Glory speaks of praise, worship and honour

Note: Mark 10:17-27

Note: This rich ruler lacked a Saviour to save him from his sin.

Note: Galatians 3:24; Matthew 5:17

Note: A schoolmaster is a teacher or instructor (Romans 3:20)

ii. If we break God’s law in one point, we are _____ of breaking the entire _____ (James 2:10)

Note: Romans 3:19

- c. The _____ of the darkness = _____

Note: Romans 5:12

Note: Death is the result of sin (James 1:15; Hebrews 2:14-15)

II. The _____ (Genesis 3:15)

Note: 2 Timothy 1:10

- a. Jesus is the _____ of the world (John 12:44-46; John 8:12)
- b. Jesus is the _____ (Galatians 3:22; Romans 3:26)
- i. By _____ we must believe the Gospel (1 John 5:12)
- ii. Call upon His _____ (Romans 10:12-13)
- c. The _____ presents darkness as _____ (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Note: 2 Corinthians 11:14; Galatians 1:6-7

III. The _____ of _____ (Luke 1:79)

- a. It begins with _____ with God (Colossians 1:20)

Note: Psalm 23:4; 1 John 2:28

- b. It continues with the _____ of God (Philippians 4:7)
- c. As Christians, we are to be a _____ so that others can see Jesus