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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE MOTIVATION TO BE MORAL"

PM - SINGING NIGHT

HOLIDAY DINNER TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES AT THE BULLBEN FOR THOSE THAT SIGNED UP**REMEMBER MIDWEEK SERVICES WILL BE TUESDAY NIGHT AT 7 PM THIS WEEK****NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING AT ADAMSVILLE DEC 31 AT 8 PM****BIRTHDAYS:**

Dec 25: Carolyn Myers

ANNIVERSARY:

Dec 27: Travis & Sandy Richardson

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827

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Neil Myers 924-9289

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Danny Busby 387-0213

David Preston 300-1927

Kevin Richardson 295-8864

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Ben Wright 522-8004

THE MOTIVATION TO BE MORAL
(1 Peter 1:15-16)

I. The _____ of God.

- A. The God we are seeking to serve is a _____ God.
- B. You and I are to be a _____ kind of people, because we serve a _____ type of God.
 - 1. We are called to be _____ and _____, because God is.
 - 2. We can be such because of the _____ of God (Titus 2:11-14).
- C. We can't live _____ lives and be holy.
- D. There is no _____ with God when living immoral lives.

II. The second _____ of Christ.

- A. John says we need to live so as not to be _____ when the Lord returns.
- B. We become _____ as Jesus is _____ so we, when He returns, can see Him as He is (1 John 3:1-3).

III. The fact that _____ is the best life.

- A. By looking around us, we can see that most people _____ this line of thought.
- B. They do not _____ what Paul wrote to Timothy (1 Timothy 4:7-8).
- C. Christian living, moral living, allows for peace and happiness in a world that is _____ those very things.
- D. When we live according to the biblical plan of _____, we have the things for which the world is looking (Romans 14:17).
- E. Not only that, just as the Bible teaches, the way of the _____ is

IV. The _____ to come.

- A. Fear is not a great motivating factor, but is a _____.
- B. Paul told the Thessalonians...(1 Thessalonians 4:6).
- C. Roy Lanier, Sr., was a great gospel preacher and he was asked what some motives for morality were and he said "God's _____ and hell _____."

V. The _____ of Christ.

- A. Paul tells us that we are bought with a _____ (1 Corinthians 6:19).
- B. No event in history or action by any person or event that is to come can be more motivating than remembering our Lord hanging on that cross for us.
- C. If we can look at the cross and not be _____ to lead moral, godly lives, there really is nothing else that can be done for us.
- D. As Paul said, "He loved me, and _____ himself for me" (Galatians

2:20).

THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS (Eddie Finch)

With the Christmas holiday's upon us, many have their thoughts focused on the birth of Christ. In reality, the date of Christ's birth is one of the greatest unknowns of history. If God had wanted us to know He would have given us a date. Christmas has been celebrated on January 6, April 20, and May 20. From about the 4th century onward it has been December 25.

Since the celebration began there have been many additions given. For example, St. Nicholas, was a 4th century bishop who was called the patron of children, sailors, and scholars. Of course, he is now called Santa Claus. The word "Christmas" did not come about until the 11th century. The burning of candles (Hanukkah) was a Jewish tradition brought into Christmas. The use of trees as decorations began in Germany as symbolic of the Garden of Eden. Mistletoe was an English belief that it had magical powers over one's enemy if the enemy stood under the mistletoe. Mistletoe has quite a different meaning today. The manger gained popularity in Italy as mincemeat pies began to be baked in the form of a manger. The poinsettia was discovered in Mexico and given the name "Flower of the Holy Night.:" and the greeting card had its beginning in England to spread good cheer to all.

By no means can one say the birth of Christ was just another birth, because it wasn't. The birth of Christ was unlike any other in the history of mankind. For His birth we are thankful 365 days a year. And for His death we are even more thankful. May each of us be thankful for the many blessings we have in Christ because of His love for us.

The preceding article is placed here because this time of year is fraught with confusion for many Christians. There is nothing sinful in enjoying this time of year with friends and family and giving of gifts. Many memories of time spent around the Christmas tree and meals shared together are had by all of us. Those are not sinful in any way.

However, when we begin to bring in religious overtones to what should be a secular holiday, we enter dangerous ground. Sometimes, Christians, trying to do good in this time of year, help support organizations that are not ones with which we should be involved, either monetarily or otherwise.

Let's avoid the confusion and just have fun this time of year, enjoying friendship and fellowship, not the birth of Christ. - BW