

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2013

God Sent The Very Best

(John 3:16)

Sunday, December 1, 2013

God thought enough of us to send His very best. That's the Christmas message.

A poet by the name of Benjamin J. Hanly wrote:

*Who is He in yonder stall,
At whose feet the shepherds fall?
Tis the Lord! O wondrous story!
Tis the Lord, the King of glory!
At His feet we humbly fall –
Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!*

God sent His best for us – His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

I. God thought enough to send His best when He sent His only begotten Son and not another [John 3:16].

- A. John 3:16 have been called the little gospel, the comfortable word, the whole gospel in a nutshell, and a marvelous interpretation of the mission and message of our Lord.
- B. “*God so loved the world...*” The word “loved” refers to love in its highest form. The word here has reference to God’s love for humans (*Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4; 2 Thess. 2:16*). The word can also refer to one person’s love for another (*John 13:34*).

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- C. “*That He gave His only begotten Son.*” These words refer to Jesus’ eternal relationship with the Father. God sent the best He had – His only begotten Son.
- D. “*That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*” True believers will be divinely preserved and will faithfully persevere because they are kept by God’s power. Jesus accomplished what he was sent to do.

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II. God thought enough to send His best when He sent light, not darkness, to the whole world.

A. Christ as the light of the world is the theme throughout Scripture. Here are just a few pertinent passages: *Isaiah 9:2, John 1:4, John 3:19, John 8:12.*

B. There are three ways in which Christ is the Light of the World.

1. He is the light for the world's darkness.
2. He is the light for the world's disillusionment.
3. He is the light to give direction to the people of the world.

Jesus points the way. His words are a map. He furnishes the light. We lose our way and darkness envelops us. He is the brightest light that ever dawned on the world. We must follow Him or walk in darkness.

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III. God thought enough to send His best – to bring us together.

Because of God's best, "*there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus*" (*Gal. 3:28*).

Eternal life is a blessed state begun on earth and continued forever.

Without the cross of Christ, people could not have eternal life. People are brought to God by him, and they are brought together by Him.

On that first Christmas, God thought enough of us to send His best – His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ! Without Christ, life would be brutish. With Christ, life can be blessed.

Follow Him Now!!!!

Sunday, December 29, 2013

What would you like in 2014?
(Psalm 16:8)

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE IN 2014?

One may want any number of external things to happen in 2014.

- New job
- Marriage
- Go to College
- Higher profits
- Better health, Etc.

But the psalmist points to inward changes. He looks in his heart at the basic needs of life. His insight has been admired for centuries. Simply stated, this Psalm addresses the deepest inner needs of every individual. What would you like in 2014? Listen to the Psalmist.....

I. Would you like the stability that God offers? (vs. 8)

First note, "I have set." It literally means to make level or even. The Psalmist testified that he was working at making level his relationship with God. Growing as a Christian takes time. It takes time to balance out our Christian lives. Allow the word of God to bring you into a position of evenness in your commitment.

In addition to leveling, the Psalmist wrote, "*I will not be shaken.*" He understands his responsibility to God. We too must be open to God's leadership. We should be flexible as he leads us, for we need stability and flexibility. Too many people make superficial commitments in life, then when problems and crises arise, life crushes them. God wants us to understand that He will stabilize us and give us flexibility. Based on this assumption, Paul could write to the church at Corinth in 2 Corinthians 12:9 that the grace of God is sufficient for everything in life.

As you look forward to 2014, commit your life to God! You may not know the specific avenues of His will for your journey, but if you are committed to His ultimate purpose, He will lead you and guide you. He will direct your path!