

God Up Close

CHRISTMAS AT GRACEPOINT

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Introduction

The Advent season ANTICIPATES the advent, (ARRIVAL) of Jesus.

Big Thought

"Now faith is being SURE of what we hope for & certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

JESUS is the starting point for hope that is sure. John 1:1-9

- Beginning - *Arche* - STARTING point
- Word - *Logos* - OMNIPOTENT voice, decree, GOVERNING power behind all things, the SOURCE of all that is, Jesus

Reflection

If Jesus is not the starting point of your life you will not UNDERSTAND life.

Question

Does Jesus have His rightful POSITION as the starting point in your life?

- I. Hope in Jesus is sure because He is ETERNAL. He has always been part of the Godhead: Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

Implications of the Eternal Jesus

1. SOURCE
2. SUBMISSION
3. TRUST
4. OBEDIENCE
5. _____
6. _____

- II. Hope in Jesus is sure because He is LIFE.

- Life - *Zoe* - the very life of God which believers are made PARTAKERS of, life in the spirit & soul
- Jesus is the very SUBSTANCE of life.

- III. Hope in Jesus is sure because He is LIGHT.

- Light - *Phos* - what GIVES FORTH light
- Darkness - *Skotia* - UNHAPPINESS & RUIN, sin & misery

Summary

What is the most IMPORTANT thing about you?

- "The most important thing about you is what comes to mind when you think about God." AW Tozer

Reflection Questions

Do you have a sure hope?

What has the Holy Spirit spoken to your heart this day?

How will this change the way you live?

THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

We need your help! GracePoint is ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Monday, December 9 through December 14 at JCPenney, HyVee & Walmart. **There are only 20 spots to fill**; the time slots are one hour. You can do this individually, as a couple, as a family or a Growth Group. **Please sign up using the following link gpw.church/bellringing** or email Jodi Krogman at info@gracepointwesleyan.org if you have questions.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE BANK

Through December, GracePoint & Volunteer Service Bank are teaming up to tackle winter in Brookings! Grab your shovels to bless our neighbors with safe sidewalks & driveways, OR consider donating a winter coat, hat, or gloves for an elderly individual. Stop by the Give Grace kiosk to drop off a cold weather clothing item or sign up to help with snow!

LET'S SAY GRACE

With this semester of growth groups coming to a close, take some time to join us for Let's Say Grace: Midweek Meals served 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. December menu: 12/4 soups & 12/11 lasagna (no meals served the last two weeks of December). As we head into a New Year & a new season of growth groups, consider how you can be a part of blessing our church family through this weekly meal! Contact Pastor Serenity to find out how you can give or serve!