

REASON #3: To Give _____ to those living in spiritual _____.

John 1:9: “The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.”

THE PURPOSE OF LIGHT

- To _____ darkness.
- To _____ the way.

John 12:46: “I have come into the world as a light, so *that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.*”

John 8:12: “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

REASON #4: To _____ away our _____ through his _____.

1 John 3:5: “But you know that *he appeared so that he might take away our sins.*”

1 John 3:16: “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.”

REASON #5: To _____ the works of the _____.

1 John 3:8: “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. ***The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.***”

Hebrews 2:14: “Since the children have flesh and blood, *he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—*”

REASON #6: To Bring _____, _____, and _____.

Luke 2:8-11: “And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. (v.9) An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. (v.10) But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of ***great joy*** that will be for all the people. (v.11) Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:12-14: “This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” (v.13) Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, (v.14) “Glory to God in the highest, and *on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*”

Luke 2:25-35: “Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. *He was waiting for the consolation of Israel,* and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

(v.26) It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (v.27) Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, (v.28) Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: (v.29) "*Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.* (v.30) For my eyes have seen your salvation, (v.31) which you have prepared in the sight of all people, (v.32) a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." (v.33) The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. (v.34) Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, (v.35) so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

The long awaited hope of Israel was the coming of the Messiah. He came almost 2,000 years ago as a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. He was born, lived, and died – but he also declared that he would come again at God's appointed time.

As Christians, the birth of Jesus Christ has given us the hope that Jesus Christ will return again to make all things new.

FINAL THOUGHTS...

Jesus is not just a baby lying in a manger scene to be adored once a year. He came to be much more than a display in a department store. He is to be worshipped as Lord and Savior for all he has done for us.

Will you worship Jesus this Christmas?

STAND ALONE MESSAGE

Today's Message: "Why Was Jesus Born?"

Pastor Cory Anderson / December 19, 2010

INTRODUCTION:

REASON #1: To be the Climax of God's _____ to us.

Hebrews 1:1-2: "*In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, (v.2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...*"

REASON #2: To _____ us the full extent of the Fathers _____.

God's Love....

John 3:16-17: "*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (v.17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*"

1 John 4:9-10: "*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. (v.10) This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*"