Let Christ Be Your Life

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INTRODUCTION

- We don't have a special Christmas program for you this morning. We've attempted to worship God in spirit and in truth this Lord's Day morning, like we have every other Lord's Day morning before it.
- It may surprise much of the world to know that there's no biblical mandate for a Christmas observation. In fact, there's no biblical mention of it at all.
- Individual Christians may celebrate this season to varying degrees, but as a congregation, we're going to worship God in spirit and in truth.

1 A Spirit of Giving

Acts 20:35; Philippians 2:4

- Christians ought to be identified as people who are giving and generous.
- Remember the words of our Lord Jesus that he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.
- Giving means much more than just money and gifts. The giving of time and of interest.
- Let each of you look not only for his own interest, but also for the interest of others.
- You will be amazed at how many opportunities there are once you begin to look.

2 Family Togetherness

- I want to encourage you again to not limit that to one month out of the year.
- Understand your obligation, your God mandated obligation to your family.
- If anyone does not provide for his own, especially those of his own household, that's his family, that he has denied the faith and he is worse than an unbeliever.
- A Christian's family should be the model for the rest of the world of how we care for one another, how we love one another, how we provide for one another.
- If you don't have a family, or if your family's just lousy, you've got a spiritual family. Love and appreciate them every day.

3 Be Kind to One Another

Ephesians 4:32

- Be kind to one another. Tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ Jesus also forgave you.
- It's time for us to be defined as Christians not just by what we don't do, but also by what we actively do.
- Familiarity and proximity do not give us an excuse to not practice kindness.
- He is saying, be kind. That is an active verb, be kind, do something.
- Don't ever diminish the importance of one act of kindness.

4 Filled With Joy

Philippians 2:14–16

- As Christians, we're to be filled with joy.
- Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.
- Christians, more than anyone else, have a reason to smile.
- We have reason to rejoice because we know how this story ends.

5 A Focus Upon Christ

Colossians 3:4; Colossians 3:11

- Not get lost in the doings of being a Christian such that you forget the reason for being a Christian. And that is Christ.
- When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you will also appear with him in glory.
- Self inspection time, can you say that Christ is your life? Not in December, but in every month.
- Christ is all and in all.

THE CHALLENGE

Keep being joyous and happy. Remember your family, both physical and spiritual. And remember your life. Your all in all is Christ Jesus.

MY NOTES