

LHCF Sermon Discussion Guide

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The Purpose of Christmas A Time for Salvation – Luke 2:11

Second Purpose of Christmas is salvation.

“Today in the town of David there has been born for you a savior, who is Christ the Lord!”

“Saved” means: rescued, delivered, set free, released

1. Jesus came to save you from sin

*“Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins.”
Eccles. 7:20*

- The essence of sin is pride

*“We’re all like sheep who have wandered off and gotten lost. We’ve all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we’ve done wrong on him [Jesus]”
Isa. 53:6*

- The effect of sin is separation

“Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That’s why he doesn’t answer your prayers...” Isa. 59:2

2. Jesus came to set you free from yourself

“I don’t understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can’t. I do what I don’t want to-what I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. But I can’t help myself” Romans 7:15-17

- Free from the guilt of our past

*“For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God’s goodness into us!”
2 Cor. 5:21*

- Free from **bitterness** and **resentment**

*“By His death he ended angry resentments between us”
Eph. 2:15*

- Free from the **expectations** of others

“The fear of human opinion disables” Pro. 29:25

- Free from addictive **habits**

“If the Son set you free, then you will be really free!” John 8:36

3. Jesus came to save you for a life of purpose

*“[God] saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace.”
2 Tim. 1:9*

*“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.”
Eph. 1:11-12*

- You were uniquely **designed** for a specific purpose

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Eph. 2:10

- Lasting **fulfillment** is discovered in living for God’s purpose

“If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.” Mark 8:35

The Bible says “the eye has not seen, nor the ear heard, neither has entered the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those that love God”

Remember, God has gone to great lengths to demonstrate his love and friendship to you, now the ball is in your court. Will you be His friend?