



**Sunday Service via Live Stream
December 6, 2020
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2nd Sunday of Advent Season

Subject: "Clean Up Your House! Christmas is Coming!"

Scripture References:

1. St. Mark 1:1-8
2. St. Luke 4:18
3. Psalm 100
4. Philippians 2:5-7
5. Genesis 3:15
6. Isaiah 40:3-5
7. Malachi 3:1
8. I Peter 2:9

Notes:

- This message is about commitment and preparation!
- Advent means the arrival of or the coming of Jesus Christ.
- Are you ready for Christmas?
 - Jesus is the reason for the season! How do you define this because it determines how you're going to live your life here on out?
 - Salvation, death, the cross, the resurrection, grace, baptism, repentance, communion, the Holy Spirit, spiritual cleansing, redemption, mercy, love, life everlasting, etc. are all of the things you must think about when you're preparing for Christmas!
 - Without all of these things, there would be no need to celebrate Christmas.
 - Without these things Jesus and Christmas would be the false glorification of the birth of an infant that you have never met.
- Christmas – Christ means the anointed one and Mass means the worship of.
- Jesus came to die, so that we might live again and forever more!
- Jesus Christ – Jesus is God's son. Christ is not his last name. Christ defines His official office; His position!
- Christ - the anointed one; full of God's power; God's power personified in a human body to show the world a God that they could not see; the Messiah and the promise deliverer.
- Prepare for the Christ-Mass!!!
- Prepare ye the way of the Lord!!!
- We are the house and the church is God's house!

Premise: Neither this pandemic nor any other struggle will rob us of our Christmas joy. As we spend time preparing our houses to celebrate the Christ-Mass, we must receive Jesus Christ into our hearts anew. We must commit to setting our houses in order. That is, our individual lives and the church God has entrusted to us!

Takeaways:

- 1. We as the church (congregation) must prepare our hearts to receive a fresh anointing and manifestation of Christ. Every church member/partner in covenant must join the cleanup crew. Our physical separation must not hinder our commitment to this preparation.**
 - 2. The advent spirit is not affected by the way we feel or by what's happening outside of us. We must catch the spirit of Christmas in our hearts and our individual houses of God.**
 - 3. We must anticipate what is "not yet" as though it were here. Advent means putting into action the spirit of worship. Let us prepare, commit and anticipate a fresh Advent Christmas experience with Christ.**
- Anew means a different more positive way; a fresh manifestation of God!
 - The birth of Jesus was on April 17th!
 - Every Christmas is not just about Christ the baby, but Christ my Lord...the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, etc.!
 - Jesus is real and He wants our house to be in order! We must get ready for a deeper visitation/manifestation from God!
 - Come by here Lord meant come by, so that people can see You in a new way!
 - Go back to church right!!! Fix up the church!!!

Point 1: Don't invite Jesus into a messy house!

- All of us ought to be part of the "clean-up crew"!
- George Whitefield said, "Jesus was God and man in one person, so that God and man might be happy together again."
- Gospel means "good news"! This will be a season of "good news" for you!!!
- Jesus has come to us/me!

Point 2: Lord, I need Christmas birthed and re-birthed in me daily!

- We must do what Christ came to do! We must be servants!
- You must sow into something, so that you can reap from it! You cannot reap without sowing!
- You must know what God called you to do!
 - We must think of our salvation/membership as servant hood!
- God needs us in His house!!!
- Be like an ostrich...Look and expect joy, hope, power, and miracles from God!
- When you live in the "spirit of expectation", the devil cannot hold your spirit down!!!
- God wants you to make some crooked paths straight!
- The glory of the Lord means what I cannot see, I can now see!
- We don't think right and that's why we can't serve right!
 - When was the last time you thought of yourself as a priest?
 - I am a royal priesthood! I have a job in the temple. My job is to keep God's house functioning, so that we can receive sinners to Christ!
 - Return to God as you used to be; go back and do the first works of the Church!
- Jesus works!!! The church works!!!
- Your faith out to sustain you during good and rough times too! Faith will bring you through! Faith will allow you to know and believe...
 - I'm so glad trouble don't last always!
- There's some stuff in your house that you must rearrange and reorder! So, repent and get your house in order!
- When you see Jesus, you will see who He is!

Point 3: Christmas, my time to proclaim all of my "not yets" from God!

- Advent means expectation.
- My "not yets" shall become!
- God, prepare me to be a sanctuary!
- Past: Christ has come!
- Present: Christ is come!

- Future: Christ shall come again!
- Fresh anointing means right now power for my right now situation!
- Everyday God has something better for us!
- Prepare for Christmas in your heart and in your house!
- Wash the dishes; prepare for new manna from Heaven. Bread of Heaven feed me until I want no more! Wash the floor; the floor you stand on is Holy ground! Wipe the windows does, so that you can see the new things that God is about to do! Get rid of junk and the old, so that you can revive the new things that God has for you! Clean up your old habits! Take out the trash; take out the stuff that is not like God!
- This season don't let nothing steal your Christmas joy!!! Expect the Christ-Mass!!! This joy that I have, the world didn't give it and the world can't take it away!
 - Make yourself laugh!
 - Make yourself smile!
 - Make yourself be happy!
- Be still and know that God is God!

Prayer of Salvation:

- Salvation is not to make you perfect, but it is to make you better and to know that your sins have been paid for! If you are not saved today or need to rededicate to Christ, please stop and say this prayer unto God...Father, I have sinned. I thank you for Jesus who died on the cross for my sins. Come into my heart and save me. I receive you and because I ask and I believe, I am saved forever!!! Amen!!! Hallelujah!!!
 - If you said this prayer of salvation or rededication, please email Bishop Muse at bishopmuse@gmail.com or text 313131.