



**GROW
IN
GRACE**
NEWSLETTER

Volume 43, No. 50, December 20 , 2016 / Southside Baptist Church & Christian School / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / The Grow in Grace Newsletter is **a weekly Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church. It is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."***

[If it pleases the LORD, Next Newsletter will be mailed 1/3/2017]

WHY JESUS CAME TO EARTH!

When it comes to TELLING WHY JESUS CAME TO EARTH, the New Testament **OVERFLOWS with** revelation of the TRUTH revealing Divine purpose; and is FILLED with responding words of wonderful praise, worship, and joy! Therefore, as we receive the following Scriptures, the Holy Spirit will move us to worship, to praise, and to give thanks to God for SO GREAT SALVATION. As we do, we shall more and more be TRANSFORMED into His likeness!

Moreover... the following Scriptures give us PROFOUND MOTIVATION to come to the LORD'S TABLE, this Sunday, December 25, 10:45am— EVEN TO RE-ARRANGE our schedules and plans IN ORDER to come to HIS TABLE! What a powerful testimony of loving Jesus such choices will be! Jesus IS calling: "THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCES OF ME!"

JESUS CAME TO EARTH AND LIVED AND DIED SO AS TO,

1. PROPITIATE (absorb/satisfy) the just and righteous Wrath of God: "[JESUS] Whom God hath set forth **to be a propitiation** through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins

that are past, through the forbearance of God.” (Romans 3:25) “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son **to be the propitiation** for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

2. PLEASE His Heavenly Father: “... Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice **to God** for a sweet smelling savour.” [a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God] (Eph. 5:2)

3. LEARN Obedience: “Though He were a Son, yet **learned He obedience** by the things which He suffered.” (Hebrews 5:8)

4. SHOW the Wealth of God’s Love and Grace for Sinners: “For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure [perhaps] for a good man some would even dare to die. **But God commends [shows, proves] His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,** Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:7-8) “In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” (Ephesians 1:7)

5. SHOW His Own Love for Us: “Christ **hath loved us and gave Himself up for us**, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:2) “Christ loved the church and **hath given Himself for us** an offering and sacrifice to God...” (Ephesians 5:25) “[He] loved me and **gave Himself for me.**” (Galatians 2:20)

6. PROVIDE the Forgiveness of our Sins: “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins.” (Ephesians 1:7) “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

7. PROVIDE the Basis for our Justification: “We have now been **justified by** His blood.” (Romans 5:9) “[We] are **justified by** His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 3:24)

8. COMPLETE the Obedience that becomes our Righteousness: “Being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:8) “For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, **so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.**” (Romans 5:19)

“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

9. TAKE AWAY our Condemnation: “Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died— more than that, Who was raised— Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)

10. BRING us to Faith and Keep Us Faithful: This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. (Mark 14:24) I will make with them an everlasting covenant...And I will put the fear of Me **in their hearts**, that they may not turn from Me. (Jeremiah 32:40)

11. GIVE us a Clear Conscience: How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:14)

12. OBTAIN for us All Things that are good for us: He who did not spare his own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? (Rom. 8:32)

13. DELIVER us from the Present Evil Age: (He) gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. (Galatians 1:4)

14. RECONCILE us to God: For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. (Romans 5:10) Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God. (1 Peter 3:18) But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)

15. GIVE us Confident Access to the Holiest Place: We have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus. (Heb. 10:19)

16. BRING the Old Testament Priesthood to an End and Become our Eternal High Priest: The former priests...were prevented by death from continuing on office, but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. **Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost** those who draw near to God through Him, since He

always lives to make intercession for them... He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. (Hebrews 7:23-27)

For Christ has entered... into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer Himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then He would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world.

But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. (Heb. 9:24-26) Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins**, He sat down at the right hand of God. (Heb. 10:11-12)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. **Let us then with confidence draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 15-16)

17. FREE us from the Futility of Our sinful Ancestry: You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (1 Peter 1:18-19)

18. FREE us from the Slavery of Sin: To Him who loves us and **has freed us** from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Rev. 1:5-6 Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. (Hebrews 13:12)

19. EMPOWER us to Die to Sin and Live to Righteousness: He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. (1 Peter 2:24)

20. ENABLE us to die to the Law and Bear Fruit for God: You also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. (Romans 7:4)

21. ENABLE us to live for Christ and Not Ourselves: He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him, who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Corinthians 5:15)

22. MAKE His Cross the Ground of All Our Boasting: Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14)

23. ENABLE us to live by Faith in Him: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

24. GIVE EARTHLY MARRIAGE Its Deepest Meaning: Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. (Ephesians 5:25)

25. CREATE a People Passionate for Good Works: (He) gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works. (Titus 2:14)

26. CALL and EMPOWER us TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE of Lowliness and Costly Love: This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrow while suffering unjustly... For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, **leaving you an example**, so that you might follow in His steps. (1 Peter 2:19-21) **Consider Him** who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. (Heb. 12:3-4)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phil. 2:5-8)

27. CREATE a Band of Crucified Followers: If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. Luke 9:23. Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. (Matthew 10:38)

28. SET US FREE from Bondage to the Fear of Death: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (Hebrews 2:14-15) (He) died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. (1 Thessalonians 5:10) To live is Christ, and to die is gain... I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Philippians 1:21, 23) We would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:8)

29. SECURE our Resurrection from the Dead: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:5) If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11. If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him. (2 Timothy 2:11)

30. DISARM and DESTROY spiritual enemies: He set aside (the legal brief against us), nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him. Colossians 2:14-15. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8)

31. UNLEASH the Power of God in the Gospel: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18) I am not ashamed of the gospel, **for it is the power of God** for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

32. DESTROY HOSTILITY Between Races: He... has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of

commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. (Eph. 2:14-16)

33. REDEEM people from Every Tribe and Language and People and Nation: Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. (Rev. 5:9)

34. RESCUE us from Final Judgment: Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. (Hebrews 9:28)

35. DEMONSTRATE that the worst Evil— God turns for Good: In this city there

were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus... both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your plan had predestined to take place. (Acts 4:27-28)

36. MOVE US TO WORSHIP JESUS WHO is crowned with Glory and Honor: But we see... Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death. (Hebrews 2:9) And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. (Philippians 2:7-9) Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12) [The above is edited from John Piper's book, *Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die*]

LET US CELEBRATE JESUS!

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SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES: MONDAYS: Jail Ministry— First and Second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Questions? Contact Mike Munday at 615-681-7533

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care nursing home. Meet at the front door at 5:30PM. Contact Bradley at 615-804-3054.

WEDNESDAYS: ☐ **6:30pm— Children** Ministry/activities; ☐ **6:30pm— Youth** Activities and Bible Study— (For both of these... enter via double doors by gym)
☐ **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE...** Come in side entrance, iron steps... meet in Ladies Sunday School Room

LADIES BIBLE STUDY— Studies in the Gospel of Luke! TAKING A BREAK... NEXT MEETING: January 3, 2017 @ 11:00am; Cindy Bell teaching. [Front door open at 10:45 till 11:05am; or come in Iron Steps side entrance!]

MEN: EVERY SATURDAY MORNING @ 8am: Men's Fellowship/Bible Study! {*DECEMBER Study: Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 1 & 2*}... **Come to back of Church building... Come in under the drive-thru awning... walk forward... till you smell the coffee and biscuits! [YES, we are meeting on 12/24/16!]**

ONE SERVICE on Sunday

December 25: 10:45am

WORSHIP SERVICE & LORD'S SUPPER!

We will join together in SINGING unto the LORD, rejoicing in the Birth of Jesus Christ the LORD; SEVERAL OF OUR MEN will be sharing some of the MANY REASONS why JESUS CAME! **We will conclude in worship, by observing the LORD'S SUPPER— even as our LORD has instructed: "THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCES OF ME!"**

Sunday Services, January 1, 2017: 9:30am - Sunday School
10:45am - Worship Service **/// No meal or afternoon service**