

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent- Peace "I'll Be Homesick For Christmas"

Text: John 1:14 / John 14:1-6

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The Biblical Truth about homesickness at Christmas:

1) Humans are <u>homesick</u> for a loving <u>God</u>.

(Genesis 8:9 / Psalm 84:3-4 / Psalm 9-:1 /)

The perfect dwelling place is found only in **submission to our Creator**.

2) God is lovingly homesick for us.

(1 John 4:19 / John 1:14 / John 14:1-6)

The truth that fundamentally differentiates Christianity from any other religion is that Almighty God not only came to us, He became **one of us!**

Heaven is not as much about living in <u>God's Place</u> as it is about living in <u>God's Presence</u>.

The good news of Christmas is found in one word <u>Immanuel</u>, which means God has found His way to us.

Personal Application – Study Questions:

- Can you identify with feeling "homesick" this year? What do you miss most and what deeper spiritual hunger might those feelings reflect?
- Think about the Christmas story. How might the "homelessness" of many in that story help you understand God's sovereignty to use their homelessness to give you hope in 2020?
- List some ways that the truth of "God becoming one of us" in the birth of Christ gives you confidence for living in these modern times?
- Look up all the verses to "Hark the Herald Angel's Sing", and paraphrase them to help you recall the deep Biblical truth of Jesus' birth as it relates to you personally.

