

WHY CHRIST CAME

INTRODUCTION

- A. We are at the time of year, when the focus of the world is the manger.
 - 1. The most important part of Christmas...is the first six letters.
 - 2. Christ is the reason for the season.
 - 3. Don't take Christ out of Christmas.
 - 4. Sadly, some may never see beyond the manger.
- B. But, Why did my Savior come to earth?
 - 1. We sing in answer, "Because He loved me so."
 - 2. Is it possible that we over-simplified the answer?
- C. In a day and age when men are trying to de-emphasize the role of Christ as our salvation, perhaps we should again consider the reasons for His coming.
- D. Christ gave the answers, on seven different occasions.

I. TO BRING LIGHT. John 12:46

- A. The whole world lay in deep darkness.
 - 1. Of delusion, of despair, and especially of sin. 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12
- B. Christ came as a healing light. Malachi 4:2a
- C. He came as a guiding light. John 8:12

II. TO JUDGE WILFUL BLINDNESS.

- A. John 9:39
 - 1. He came to rebuke those who are willingly blind.
 - a. The Pharisees and religious leaders were willingly blind.
 - b. Matthew 21:23-27; Luke 7:30
 - 2. He came also to light with divine truth those who are teachable.

III. TO KINDLE A FIRE. Luke 12:49

- A. By the fire of His word, the Lord burns out the earth's filth and rubbish.
- B. He burns out the evil within one's own soul. Mark 9:49
- C. He burns out the impurities among His own people. 1 Peter 1:7
- D. Especially the fire of final judgment, Matthew 3:12.

IV. TO CAUSE DIVISION. Luke 12:51

- A. Christ came to begin a warfare that is to last until His return.
 - 1. We are called to be separate from the world. 1 Peter 2:11; 2 Corinthians 6:17
 - 2. The final result will be peace, but at present God's people must fight. Jer. 6:14
 - 3. They do not fight one another – they fight sin. Ephesians 6:12
 - 4. The first and foremost battle should be against the evil in one's soul.

V. TO ENTHRONE TRUTH. John 8:31-32

- A. On all occasions He bore witness to the truth.
 - 1. At no time did He hesitate to speak the truth, even if it was unpopular.
 - a. Hebrews 4:11-13
 - 2. Those who received it were made free.
 - 3. Must abide in His Word, John 14:15

VI. TO BESTOW LIFE. John 10:10

- A. He came as the Lord of Life.
 - 1. He came to give life in its fullness, to enrich life, to beautify it.
 - 2. Those who follow Him enter into life.

VII. TO SEEK AND TO SAVE. Luke 19:10

- A. This seems to be the grand summation of all the purposes of the Lord in coming into the world.
 - 1. In all He did and all He suffered, He had one objective – to save the lost.
 - 2. Because He loved me so! John 3:16

CLOSING

- A. Never was there a man upon the earth who had such a purpose in life.
 - 1. You will notice that His purpose was altogether unselfish.
 - 2. All that He did was for man's salvation.
- B. How happy is the man who accepts the Lord's will and fits into the divine plan for his life.