

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Christmas Series: "Searching for Christmas"



What one Christmas present have you already decided to "re-gift" to another person?

As devout Jews, Mary and Joseph, after Jesus' birth take him through the required religious requirement of circumcision, God's sign of the covenant to His people. After Christmas, how eager are we to engage in "religious requirements"? What would they be for you? Are they helpful?

Do I view my faith as a "requirement" or a relationship? Why?

Read Galatians 4:4. Jesus lived under the law, the requirements, even as he came to abolish the law and requirements. Why do I chaff under requirements of faith?

When Jesus is dedicated in the temple, his parents are given him to a life of service to God. (1 Samuel 1:28). Have I dedicated my life to God's service? Where am I currently serving?

In Luke 2:34, God brings Simeon into Mary and Joseph's life to confirm God's plan for Jesus. Who have I asked to confirmed God's plan for me? Am I a "self-confirmer"?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. Knowing God's confirm plan for your life helps each of us when times are hard. How will God's confirmation help you going into the new year?

What is your prayer for yourself going into the year? Who will you ask to pray alongside of you?

*Next Week: "Communion Sunday ~ "Time for a Do-Over""
Happy New Year*