



## WHY CHRISTMAS? Part 2 – It's about a Rescue!

Luke 2:9-14

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*Luke 2:11 (NASB) "...for today in the city of David there has been born **for you** a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

*John 3:17 (NKJV) "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved."*

### I. TO RESCUE US FROM OUR **SIN**.

A. Sin is anything we do that is below the **perfection** of God.

B. Sin is an **act**.

C. Sin is an **attitude**.

D. Sin is a **thought** cherished.

E. Jesus came to rescue us from the **penalty** of sin in our past.

*Romans 6:23 (NIV) "For the wages of sin is **death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

F. Jesus came to rescue us from the **power** of sin in our present.

*Romans 7:24-25 (NLT) "Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? <sup>25</sup> Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord."*

**1 John 1:9 (NIV) “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”**

G. Jesus came to rescue us from the **presence** of sin in our future.

**1 John 3:2 (NLT) “Yes, dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.”**

## II. TO RESCUE US FOR OUR **PURPOSE**.

**Matthew 10:39 (NLT) “If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give it up for Me, you will find it.”**

**Matthew 10:39 (MSG) “If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to Me, you'll find both yourself and Me.”**

**1 Corinthians 9:24-26 (TLB) “You must run in such a way that you will win. [25] All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. [26] So I run straight to the goal with **purpose** in every step. I fight to win.”**

**2 Thessalonians 1:11 (MSG) “Because we know that this extraordinary day is just ahead, we pray for you all the time—pray that our God will make you fit for what he's **called** you to be...”**

**1 Corinthians 4:1-2: (NIV) “So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. [2] Now it is required that those who have been given a **trust** must prove faithful.”**

**Ephesians 2:10 (TLB) “It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in **helping others**.”**

## III. TO RESCUE US TO A FOREVER **RELATIONSHIP**.

A. If you are trying to live your life without God, you are at **war** with God.

B. A **provision** has been made to heal that broken relationship.

**Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV) “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him (Jesus, the Messiah) the iniquity of us all.”**

