Christmas and God's Grace John 1:9-18, Pew Bible p. 886 December 7, 2025

I. Why You Need a Savior (V. 9-13)

- A. Jesus was born to a world that was at war with Him.
- B. Christians are reborn into a life of <u>peace</u> with God.

II. Why Jesus is the Savior (V. 14-18)

- A. His glory is superior to all other prophets.
- B. His grace is superior to all other gods.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Read John 1:9-18.
- 2. When light enters a dark room, what does it do to the darkness?
 - a. What does that have to do with the coming of Jesus, according to verses 9-11?
- 3. What does the response of the world to the coming of Jesus say about mankind's general disposition toward God, according to verses 10-11?
- 4. How does one go from being at war with God to being a son of God, according to verses 12-13?
 - a. Is this an easy process or a hard process, according to verse 13?
- 5. What things separate Jesus from other prophets, according to verses 14-18?
 - a. What other prophets (real and false) were there in history or the present?
 - b. In what way is Jesus superior to them?
- 6. Why is it so important that Jesus bring grace and truth, as opposed to other positive things like happiness or prosperity?
 - a. Why do you need grace and truth in your life?
 - b. How can you worship through this Christmas season?
- 7. Pray for our church to remember the true meaning of Christmas as it proclaims the fullness of Christ to a lost world. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.