

December 2, 2018 The Promise and Pictures of Christmas #1

Christmas is all about God's Eternal Promise God's Perfect Plan
God's Precious Son God's Sovereign Power God's Amazing Grace

Since the first promise of a Savior given in Eden, the world waited for God's perfect sacrifice that would take our sins away. God is a Promise Maker! We have God's promises on paper in black & white. But God is also a Picture Maker, giving us pictures in full color to help us see and understand those Promises more clearly.

You can't understand Christmas without what comes before & follows after!

The Throne Who He is Phil 2:6
The Manger How He came Phil 2:7
The Cross Why He Came Phil 2:8
The Empty Tomb What He Accomplished Phil 2:9
The Throne Our Response Phil 2:10

From eternity past God planned to save a people for Himself.

He revealed that plan in time through His promises and pictures

Isaiah 46:10 Titus 1:2 1 Cor 2:7 2 Tim 1:9_1 Peter 1:19-21 Eph 3:11

THE FIRST PICTURE OF HIS SALVATION PLAN SHAME COVERING LAMB ADAM'S LAMB IN EDEN THE SHAME COVERING LAMB Genesis 3:1-21

1 The first glory - a perfect creation Genesis 1-2
2 The first lie - of the serpent Genesis 3:1-5
3 The first sin - rebellion of the man and the woman Genesis 3:6
4 The first shame Genesis 3:7-8
5 The first seeking – Savior Genesis 3:9
6 The first consequences Genesis 3:16-19, 24
7 The first *earthly* promise of a Savior Genesis 3:15 (Titus 1:2)
8 The first sacrifice Gen 3:21 an innocent lamb covers the shame of man due to his sin
Mercy – Not getting what I deserve Grace – Getting what I don't deserve
The lamb who covers our sin and shame The lamb's innocence, purity, death, sufficiency
Isa 61:10 Zechariah 3:1-5 Romans 3:21-26 Romans 5:17

His Promise preceded our Problem Titus 1:2
His Remedy preceded our Ruin Rev 13:8
The Lamb slain from the creation of the world!
His plan determined it,
His love promised it,
His justice demanded it,
His mercy provided it,
His faithfulness fulfilled it,
His sovereignty accomplished it!