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SERMON: This is Who Christmas is About

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:5-11

[5] In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

[6] Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

[7] rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.

[8] And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

[9] Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

[10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

[11] and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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- *Colossians 1:19* For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.

2. He is the exact representation of the _____.

- *Colossians 1:15* The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

3. He is _____, _____, _____, and _____.

- *Colossians 1:13-14* For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in who we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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You're Invited . . .

In spite of all that's going on, I hope you are having a wonderful time of contemplating what God has done for us in Christ.

I have two invitations for you.

First, you are invited this weekend to walk through our new chapel. We've named it "The Chapel at First Baptist Church." You are invited to view it Saturday (December 12) from 4:00-5:45 PM and Sunday after the worship service and Connect Group you attend.

I think you will find it a lovely place that will remind us of the great God we worship and serve. We are looking forward to begin using the building in just a few weeks.

Second, I want to invite you to our Christmas Eve services at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 PM Christmas Eve. Because of social distancing, we need you to reserve your spot for the hour you choose. If any of the three services works for you, we would like for you to pick 1:00 PM. Last year we had 3400 people attend two services. Since we can't accommodate 1900 people at one hour (as we did last year), we need you to let us know when you will attend and how many people will attend with you.

For the first time since the pandemic, we will observe the Lord's Supper together. It has been meticulously planned for safety and spiritual significance. Because of how it will be served, we need you to observe our planning for seating. This will also allow us to have more people in attendance.

I hope you will plan to attend. As long as we follow directions, we will have room for everyone. We will have the Lord's Supper, the children's sermon, and a great orchestra---and I get to preach as well!

We look forward to seeing you.

