

TIME FOR A CHANGE

John 1:1-18

INTRODUCTION:

A. That is John's Christmas message:

"So the Word [Jesus] became human and made His home among us." John 1:14

B. John the Baptist knew that Jesus would...

I. JESUS' ARRIVAL CHANGES THE WAY WE RELATE TO GOD

A. What comes to mind when you think of God?

"He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness." John 1:14

B. God wants us to experience His life-changing love.

"God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

C. Can you relate?

- Our relationship with God is not based on doing the right things or doing things right.

- We fall short of God's ideal.

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."

Romans 3:23

- Jesus is God's solution for our dilemma.

- "Done" not "Do"

"God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."

Ephesians 2:8

II. HOW TO CHANGE TO GOD'S WAY OF LIVING

A. Admit that I haven't let God into my life.

"Look! I [Jesus] stand at the door [of your life] and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in..." Revelation 3:20

B. Believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my short-comings and sins.

"Listen! We (the disciples) are here to proclaim that through Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins."

Acts 13:38

C. Confess that I have asked Jesus to be the director of my life.

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [my leader]...you will be saved."

Romans 10:9

"...let God transform you into a new person..."

Romans 12:2

CONCLUSION: