

CHRISTMAS REVEALS GOD'S DESIGN
Luke 1:67-80 • Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19, 2021
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INTRODUCTION:

A. The Prophet Zechariah tells us what Jesus came to do:

- "The Lord...redeemed His people" (v.68)
- "Mighty Savior" (v.69)
- "Now we will be saved" (v.71)
- "Rescued" (v.74)
- "God's tender mercy" (v.78)
- "To give light to those...in darkness" (v.79)
- "To guide us to the path of peace" (v.79)

B. How did Jesus accomplish all of this?

"You will tell His people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins." – Luke 1:77

- Receiving forgiveness is about repentance.

Peter replied, "Each of you must repentant of your sins and turn to God..." – Acts 2:38

I. GOD WANTS TO FILL OUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.

A. *"God blesses those who...realize their need for Him."* – Matthew 5:3

B. No one knows us better than God does.

With humbleness comes wisdom. – Proverbs 11:2

II. GOD WANTS TO CHANGE US FOR THE BETTER.

A. Some are not convinced that the key to being their best is a spiritual matter.

"God blesses those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be satisfied." – Matthew 5:6

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else...and He will give you everything you need." – Matthew 6:33

B. What does repentant change look like?

- It produces a new purpose.

The Lord has made everything for His own purpose. – Proverbs 16:4

- It produces a new Divine perspective.

So, whether you eat or drink, whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. – I Corinthians 10:31

- It produces a transformed result.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. – Ephesians 2:10

C. God is truly a forgiving God.

But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from every wrongdoing. – I John 1:9

"For 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

CONCLUSION