

Making room for Jesus in our hearts.

Luke 2: 6-7 “While they were there, the time came for her Child to be born, And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

Many people miss Jesus not because He is absent, but simply because there is no room for Him in their hearts, Just like Bethlehem’s inn (Luke 2:7). Jesus is still knocking at the door of our hearts (Revelation 3:20).

Christ in us the Hope of Glory. (Col 1:27)

The bedrock of our Christian experience is Christ living in us, His life shining through us. It’s Him at work in us to will and to do His good pleasures – (Phil 2:13)

- The summary of the gospel is the word “Emmanuel” – God with us. God is after a deep and personal relationship with us. John 14:23 -“Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”

The Challenge of making room in our busy and crowded hearts.

There is limited accommodation in our hearts, and this is highly contested space. All the enemy want to do is to occupy this space with stuffs to ensure there’s no room is available for Christ.

- Matt13:7 – “And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.”
- Luke 10:40 – “But Martha was distracted with much serving...”

Making Room for the King in our hearts

God is calling us to draw near- (James 4:8), to intentionally cultivate His Presence (Col 3:16). God promised and has given us a new heart and new Spirit which we have received at new birth and need to walk by and put on.

- Decide to draw near to Jesus (James 4:8) and not follow him from a distance like Peter in Matt 26: 58.
- Col 3: 10 – “And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
- 2 Corinth 5:17 – “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come!”
- Daily offering of our lives as living sacrifices to God – (Rom 12: 1-2)
- Making room in our choices and decisions. - “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” (Col. 3:15).

Prayer Points:

Deut 30:6 – “The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, and you will love Him with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.”

- Josh5:3 & –“ At that time the LORD said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel once again; ⁶For the Israelites had wandered in the wilderness forty years, until all the nation’s men of war who had come out of Egypt had died. ⁹Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So that place has been called Gilgal to this day

” Deut 10:16 – “Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stiff-necked”

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- “Search me, O God... Create in me a clean heart” (Ps. 139:23; 51:10)

Special Christmas Thoughts:

He was born in a stable in Bethlehem, heaven’s king in borrowed hay; Majesty from heaven’s heights kissed the earth in gentle grace, humility and endless might. God with us – Emmanuel.

Though He was royalty, yet He was not given a special treatment, No room for Him in the inn. No one rolled out a red carpet for Him to walk on; But He did walk on water.

No worldly news channel announced His arrival from Heaven to earth; But the mighty angel from on high and the host of heaven heralded his arrival on that first Christmas Morning. Only one parade was held in His honour, at the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but a week later the cheering crowd led Him down that very same street to crucify Him.

They didn’t give Him an Osca, an Emmy or Grammy or Dove award, But they did give Him a crown of thorns, But He defeated the powers for death hell and grave, and torn open the veil separating humanity from God.

He didn’t win a Nobel pear price; But He is the Prince of Peace.

He won’t see His face on the cover of New York times magazine; But the book written about Him is the all-time biggest and best seller and still unmatched today.

He never ran for public office, but He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

You won’t find Him listed in who is who; But He is the great I AM. And in His name Jesus, every kneel must bow.