

Christmas 2023

“Hidden Christmas PRESENCE, Part 2”

INTRO: *Today, we continue our search for hidden Christmas PRESENCE (NOTE the spelling). These PRESENCES are Biblical passages in which the incarnation appears with a didactic purpose to instruct Believers.*

- I. **Before Jesus, Old Testament Believers were analogous to _____ - _____, no different than _____ (4:1-3).** *Though promised an inheritance, child-heirs were kept under guardians and managers to regulate behavior.*

- II. **Unfortunately, New Testament believers may continue to live as *immature* _____ - _____ by adhering to the _____ (4:4-5).** *Christians who continue to live under a performance standard (like the Mosaic Law) miss out on the joy that is now theirs in Jesus.*

- III. **Appreciate your *spiritual status* brought about by the change initiated at _____ (4:6-7).** *Christmas = the incarnation. There are three consequences...*
 - A. **Live _____.** *The Spirit’s indwelling affirms our ongoing relationship with our Heavenly Father.*

 - B. **Live _____ - _____.** *Stay free of the Performance Standard and the condemnation it brings.*

 - C. **Live _____.** *We are heirs to blessings that will be reaped in the Kingdom and into eternity!*