

Christmas 2023

“Hidden Christmas PRESENCE, Part 1”

INTRO: *Some parents hide Christmas presents for their children to search and find. Sometimes, these presents contain more than what the child expected. Beginning today, we will search for hidden Christmas PRESENCE (NOTE the spelling). These PRESENCES are verses where the incarnation appears with didactic purpose, as opposed to prophecy or narrative.*

I. The Church has been called to _____ (2:1-2).

Unity is different than uniformity. The Church must maintain unity with the divine resources God has provided.

II. Fleshly _____ threaten church _____ (2:3-4).

*Unless opposed, **partisanship** rooted in selfishness and conceit, and **self-centeredness** will destroy unity*

III. To preserve church _____, practice the _____ demonstrated at _____ (2:5-11).

The greatest miracle is also the greatest example of humility.

A. Jesus always existed as _____.

B. Jesus added _____ to His _____.

C. Jesus died a _____.

D. Jesus was _____ for His humility.