

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION

- When you were growing up, what was Christmas all about? _____
- The focus for much of our nation is on pre_____, not His pre_____.

ENTER INTO THE LORD'S HOUSE

- The te_____ was the dwelling place of God
- To meet with God and His dwelling place, you went to _____
- The Israelites were looking for a phy_____ fulfillment of the old covenant.
- Jesus identifies H_____ as the new and true temple
- We meet God in Christ Jesus. When we are in his pr_____, we are in His house, the mountain of the house of the LORD.
- They say that home is where the h_____ is. When you have a heart for the L_____ and you enter into his house, you know that you are home.

WHERE THERE IS PEACE

- Peace must come from one who is truly rig_____, for then and only then can there be proper and true judgment. (see Isaiah 11:1-5)
- The LORD God speaks to those whom he loves and whom he has called out. He reassures them again and again to fe_____ n_____. (see Isaiah 43:1, Daniel 10:19)
- The antidote to worry is to h_____ the word of the Lord, to tr_____ in His promises, to lo_____ to Jesus. For in Him the perfect love of God is made manifest.

RESTORATION AND UNITY

- God will gather his rem_____, as sheep who have been scattered. (also see Ezekiel 11:17,19-20)
- We will not be a phy_____ nation with earthly boundaries, but a h_____ nation with Jesus as Lord (see 1 Peter 2:9-10)
- In Christ Jesus there will be u_____

HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

This Advent and Christmas, let the focus be of entering into His house, into his presence where there is peace, restoration and unity.



Sermon Notes

Lighting of the Advent Candle

- Pastor** In Isaiah it is written, A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Are you preparing yourself for our Lord?
- People** **Yes, we are preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord.**
- Pastor** How are you preparing yourself?
- People** **By taking to heart what God has done for us in Christ Jesus.**
- Pastor** What has God done for you in Christ Jesus?
- People** **In Jesus, God reconciled the world to himself. In Jesus, our salvation is assured.**
- Pastor** Let this light of Advent burn brightly, reminding us what God has done for us. He has secured through Jesus who is the light of the world an everlasting salvation. Let us continue to prepare our hearts such a gift! Amen

Scripture Readings

Micah 4:1-7
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Revelation 21:1-6
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John 4:19-24
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