

Skiping Christmas!

(part #2)

“Skip The Myth-Seek The Reality!”

Luke 1:26-38 (NLT)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!” ²⁹**Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.** ³⁰“Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!” ³⁴Mary asked the angel, **“But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”** ³⁵The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷**For the word of God will never fail.**” ³⁸Mary responded, **“I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.”** And then the angel left her.

Skip The Myth That...

*We Will All This!

“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.”—**Hebrews 11:13**

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”—**Psalms 23:4 (ESV)**

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“Sir... Where can you get this living water?”... ¹³Jesus answered,

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,

¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”—**John 4:11-14**

*This M Can Be C !

“When there’s something in the Word of God that I don’t like, the problem is not with the Word of God. It’s with me.”—**RC SPROUL**

“It is impossible to conceive how different things would have turned out if that birth had not happened whenever, wherever, however it did ... for millions of people who have lived since, the birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it. **It is a truth that, for 21 centuries, there have been untold numbers of men and women who, in untold numbers of ways, have been so grasped by the child who was born, so caught up in the message he taught and the life he lived, that they have found themselves profoundly changed by their relationship with him.**”—**Frederick Buechner**

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“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!

I have overcome the world.”—**John 16:33**

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:

“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”—**Luke 2:28-35**

JOIN US **TODAY**

Sunday, December 17th, 2017

Just a little
CHRISTMAS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Opening

Welcome

Children's Christmas Program

Offering

Message

SKIP THE MYTH ...SEEK THE REALITY!

Pastor Dean Ward

PART 2 OF OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES



SKIPPING *Christmas*

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

	\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance
November 19th	\$7,833.00	296
November 26th	\$5,491.91	276
December 3rd	\$7,187.87	390
December 10th	\$8,466.00	324

UPCOMING **EVENTS**

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday December 17	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday December 24	Service 10:30am Christmas Eve Services 3:30pm & 7pm Christmas Eve Service 6pm @ The River New Heights
Wednesday December 20	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live & Sonward are cancelled today for the Holidays	Wednesday December 27	All Wednesday Evening activities are cancelled today for the Holidays
Thursday December 21	MOPs 9:30-11:30am	<i>Wishing you a blessed and</i> MERRY CHRISTMAS	
Saturday December 23	Christmas Eve Service 7pm @ The River New Heights		

CHRISTMAS EVE

SERVICES

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 24TH
10:30am • 3:30pm • 7pm

CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICES
at our
New Heights
Campus

DECEMBER 23RD
7:00pm

DECEMBER 24TH
10:30am & 6:00pm

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BAPTISM

NEW YEAR. NEW YOU.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST @ BOTH SERVICES

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING BAPTIZED FOR THE NEW YEAR, MAKE A NOTE ON YOUR **GET CONNECTED** CARD AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERING BASKET TODAY OR SEND AN EMAIL TO NICKY@THERIVERNEWKEN.COM