

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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Today let's talk about why I, Pastor Gene wrote from a political perspective over the last 2-3 months. **It matters.**

Coming out of college, I was a registered Democrat. I voted for Jimmy Carter who called himself a Christian while his actions spoke to the contrary. **What a mess!** [*Thank God your Pastor never was a Democrat and did not ever vote for anyone supporting abortion.*] Ronald Reagan restored my faith in America, but the media hated him. Bush, the elder got into trouble believing a deceitful arrangement by then Speaker of the House of Representative Tip O'Neil. O'Neil promised to not spend any more money if Bush agreed to a tax increase even though he has promised to never raise taxes. O'Neil had the money spent before the ink dried on Bush's signature. Bush was replaced by William Clinton, whose second term was a media scandal. Bush, the son came into office after an election that the Supreme Court told Florida to certify. The media hated him, too. In 2008 I awoke from a coma and discovered that Barack Obama was our president. In spite of the worst economics since the Great Depression and the most conflicted global decision-making ever, Obama was loved by the media. Donald Trump shocked the world by becoming president in 2016, then fixed the economy. Political foes (led by Hillary Clinton) lied about Trump and tried to impeach him. China released a virus on the world, and Joe Biden became president after the most corrupt election in US history. Then last month, Donald Trump won the presidency again, this time by a landslide.

No one who serves as president is perfect; that we've just established. But every four years we vote. Even though I started my adulthood as a Democrat, I've decided that party has been taken over by radicals who are socialists, transgender activists, pro-abortionists, racists, and LGBTQ+ apologists. You do not have to agree, but 77+ million Americans do. If you are a Democrat, I applaud you, but I hope and pray conservatives win elections until I can no longer vote. That's politics guided by social morality and true spirituality. **As Christians, our vote must be guided by the Word of God!** Ultimately, **Jesus is Lord!** This is the time of year that we celebrate Jesus first coming. He never was political yet stood against all that violated the Word of God. Let's keep everything in perspective this Christmas season. Jesus gives us the purpose in Luke 19:9-10 when talking to Zacchaeus, the reason for the season:

**And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."**

# Jesus Is Born!

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024



*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM  
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club  
Prayer ½ hour before services

## SERMON NOTES

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Wednesday Bible Study** – we continue our study of the Rapture of the church.

**Flagging Class** – Wednesdays, at 6:00 PM prior to our Bible study. Special thanks to all the participants of this praise ministry.

**Christmas Program Rehearsal** – Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. here at the church. Please be on time!

**Christmas Program** – Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. Let's invite family and friends to enjoy what the Lord will do.

**Kid's Club Christmas Party** – Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**Midweek Bible Study** – December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day will be cancelled so all can enjoy celebrating Jesus' Birthday together.

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### CHRISTMAS – A MANIFESTATION #1

**TEXT:** 1 John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 4:1-2

The apostle Paul states that we're \_\_\_\_\_ to set forth the \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul is saying we're called to make Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to all people. 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

Our \_\_\_\_\_ are letters written by the Holy Ghost and \_\_\_\_\_ out to a lost world. Romans 1:16

And as we spend more time with Him, His \_\_\_\_\_ in us grows \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 7:22-23

I. \_\_\_\_\_ **IS KEY!** Matthew 4:16; John 8:12

A. **Those \_\_\_\_\_ Are Light** – Matthew 5:14-16

B. **Light \_\_\_\_\_ Darkness** – John 1:5-7; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:8-10

II. **THE \_\_\_\_\_ ARE \_\_\_\_\_ BY THE LIGHT** –

Ezekiel 44:10, 12; Revelation 1:4-6; 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10;

Galatians 1:6-9