



# CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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DECEMBER 25TH, 2022

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### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

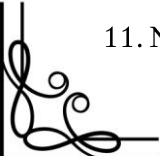

John 10:1-42

*In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in Second Chronicles, the 14th book of the Bible. We pause our regular congregational reading for a special communion text.*



### TODAY'S SERVICE



1. Hymn #21 - "He Is King"
  2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
  3. Hymn #189 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
  4. Hymn #191 - "The Birthday of a King"
  5. Hymn #206 - "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
  6. Reading: **Brother Steve K.**
  7. **Message:** "The Incarnation of God"
  8. Communion
  9. Hymn #210 - "Ring the Bells"
  10. Benediction
  11. No Evening Service
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## **The INCARNATION of GOD**

*“I and the Father are one.”* JOHN 10:30, ESV

### **I. the BREAKDOWN of the CHAPTER**

#### **A. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, John 10:1-21**

1. bewildered by Christ’s parable
2. blinded to Christ’s truth

#### **B. Jesus, the God Incarnate, John 10:22-42**

1. the Feast of Dedication, חנוכה (Chanukkah)
2. the Father & the Son are one

### **II. the BLESSING from the TEXT**

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”*

**DEUTERONOMY 6:4, ESV**

#### **A. a Christmas Word**

1. when & where Christ was born, Luke 2:1-21; 3:1, 23; John 1:14
2. how Christ was born, Luke 1:26-45
3. why Christ was born, Isa 9:6; Phil 2:5-8
4. what took so long for Christ to be born, Gal 4:4

#### **B. a Christ-Exalted Word**

1. the deity of Christ, John 10:30
  - a. Deut 6:4
  - b. cf. John 5:17-18; John 8:41
2. the two natures of Christ
  - a. Council of Chalcedon, 451 A.D.
    - i. without confusion
    - ii. without change
    - iii. without division
    - iv. without separation
  - b. considering the importance of this truth

#### **C. a Communion Word**

1. an eye upon who Christ is & what He has done, 1 Cor 11:23-25
2. an eye upon who Christ is & what He will do, 1 Cor 11:26

## QUOTE of the WEEK

And, then, to put it in another shape. If unto us a Son is given, then *we are given to the Son*. Now, what say you to this question also? Are you given up to Christ? Do you feel that you have nothing on earth to live for but to glorify him? Can you say in your heart, "Great God, if I be not deceived I am wholly thine?" Are you ready to-day to write over again your consecration vow? Canst thou say, "Take me! All that I am and all I have, shall be for ever thine. I would give up all my goods, all my powers, all my time, and all my hours, and thine I would be— wholly thine." "Ye are not your own: ye are bought with a price." And if this Son of God be given to you, you will have consecrated yourself wholly to him; and you will feel that his honour is your life's object, that his glory is the one great desire of your panting spirit. Now is it so, my hearer? Ask thyself the question. I pray thee, and do not deceive thyself in the answer.

I will just repeat the four different proofs again. If unto me a child is born then I have been born again; and, moreover, I am now in consequence of that new birth, a child. If, again, a Son has been given to me, then I am a son; and again I am given to that Son who is given to me. I have tried to put these tests in the way that the text would suggest them. I pray you carry them home with you. If you do not recollect the words, yet do recollect to search yourselves, and see, my hearers, whether you can say, "Unto me this Son is given." For, indeed, if Christ is not my Christ, he is of little worth to me. If I cannot say he loved me and gave himself *for me*, of what avail is all the merit of his righteousness, or all the plenitude of his atonement? Bread in the shop is well enough, but if I am hungry and cannot get it, I starve although granaries be full. Water in the river is well enough but if I am in a desert and cannot reach the stream, if I can hear it in the distance and am yet lying down to die of thirst, the murmuring of the rill, or the flowing of the river, helps to tantalize me, while I die in dark despair. Better for you, my hearers to have perished as Hottentots, to have gone down to your graves as dwellers in some benighted land, than to live where the name of Christ is continually hymned, and where his glory is extolled, and yet to go down to your tombs without an interest in him, unblessed by his gospel, unwashed in his blood, unclothed of his robe of righteousness. God help you, that you may be blessed in him, and may sing sweetly, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given." [*emphasis in original*]

"A Christmas Question" from the text, Isaiah 9:6

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<b>FAMILY READINGS</b>			<b>PRIVATE READINGS</b>	
2 Chron. 30	Rev. 16	<b>25</b>	Zechariah 12	John 15
2 Chron. 31	Rev. 17	<b>26</b>	Zechariah 13	John 16
2 Chron. 32	Rev. 18	<b>27</b>	Zechariah 14	John 17
2 Chron. 33	Rev. 19	<b>28</b>	Malachi 1	John 18
2 Chron. 34	Rev. 20	<b>29</b>	Malachi 2	John 19
2 Chron. 35	Rev. 21	<b>30</b>	Malachi 3	John 20
2 Chron. 36	Rev. 22	<b>31</b>	Malachi 4	John 21
Genesis 1	Matthew 1	<b>1</b>	Ezra 1	Acts 1

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