

CHRISTMAS: DECLARING THE GOOD NEWS!

“A Motive for Sharing”

The first Sunday of Advent...the season of Christmas. One of the most precious, wonderful times of the year. What a window of opportunity we are given as Christ-followers. And yet...

Q. - Do we believe in our hearts what we champion with our lips?

As we go into another season of Advent, it behooves us to be motivated to share the divine reason for the season. We must *feel* the awful and glorious truths of Scripture. Specifically:

- WE MUST *FEEL* THE TRUTH OF HELL –

Cross References: Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:15; Matthew 13:42; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9...

- WE MUST *FEEL* THE TRUTH THAT ONCE WE WERE AS CLOSE TO HELL AS WE ARE

Cross References: Matthew 23:15; John 8:44; Ephesians 2:3; Matthew 3:7; Ephesians 2:12....

- WE MUST *FEEL* THE TRUTH THAT GOD’S WRATH WAS ON

Cross References: John 3:36; Psalm 34:1; Psalm 5:5; Galatians 3:10; Matthew 25:41.

- WE MUST *FEEL* IN OUR HEARTS THAT ALL THE RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE UNIVERSE WAS ON THE SIDE OF GOD AND

Cross References: Romans 3:10-12; Romans 3:19; Psalm 51:4....

If I do *not* believe in my heart these _____ truths – believe them so that they are real in my feelings – then:

When the heart no longer feels the truth of hell, the gospel passes from good news to simply news. The intensity of joy is blunted and the heart-spring of love is dried up.

Who will tell others these things...if not us? Who else in their lives will love them enough to warn them with tenderness and tears...if not us? What a wonderful season is given to us to share the precious message of God’s redeeming love. No better time. We just GOTTA TELL SOMEBODY.