

Southland Church  
Message Notes – Dec 26, 2021  
Grit or Glit – Part 3  
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**GLIT OR GRIT? A CHRISTMAS FOR ALL?**

- “Fear Not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11
  
- *“At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as You have promised. I have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared for all people.’ He is a light to reveal God to the nations.”*  
Luke 2:25-32
  
- *“There was also a prophet, Anna... She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.”*  
Luke 2:37-38

**A. God is good to ALL people.**

- “God causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”  
Matthew 5:45
  
- “The Lord is good to all.”  
Psalm 145:9a
  
- “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.”  
Ephesians 2:8-9
  
- “Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter.” Mark 3:28
  
- “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”  
James 1:17
  
- “When the goodness of God appeared...He saved us...”  
Titus 3:4

**B. God loves ALL people.**

- “He showers compassion on all His creation.”  
Psalm 145:9b
  
- “Each day the Lord pours His unfailing love upon me.”  
Psalm 42:8

1) Love pays attention to you.

- a. "God knows every way I take, and He pays attention to it." Job 23:10 (AMP)
- b. "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely."  
Psalm 139:1-4
- c. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered."  
Matthew 10:29-30
- d. "I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in Me will no longer remain in the darkness."  
John 12:46
- e. "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."  
John 14:9
- f. "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").  
Matthew 1:23
- g. **He wears our tattoo on his hands!** "Can a mother forget her nursing child? ... I will not forget you! I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!" Isaiah 49:15-16

2) Love takes action. The Golden Rule:

- "Do to others as you would have them do to you."  
Luke 6:31
  - The Reciprocal Rule: What you do to me, I'll do to you. **X**
  - The Influence Rule: How others have treated me is how I will treat you. **X**
  - The Pre-emptive Strike Rule: Do to others what you think they are going to do to you. **X**
- "If you love those who love you what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you did good to those who did good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies and do good to them."  
Luke 6:32-35
- The Golden Rule means you: 1) Love all people. 2) Do good to all people. 3) Lend without expecting repayment. 4) Love your enemies.
- "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."  
Romans 5:8

**C. God gives to All people.**

- "There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people."  
1 Timothy 2:5-6
- Christmas without 'Christ' is really just a 'mas' (mess!)
- "He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."  
2 Corinthians 5:15

- *“To all who received Him and believed in His name, Jesus gave the right to become children of God.”*  
John 1:12
- *“God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.”*  
Acts 10:34-36
- *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!”*  
Acts 2:21
- **The message of Christmas is for you. It's for all of us. It's an all-inclusive kind of deal.**