

The Exchanges of Christmas
Advent 2018 - Christmas Eve

What God Wants for Christmas!



John 1:14

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."



Philippians 2:5-11

"Christ Himself was fully God in everything... But He gave up His place with God and made Himself nothing. He was born as a man and became like a servant. And while living as a man, He humbled Himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that required His death - death on a cross!"



He came to get messy!



He came to give us wholeness!



He came to give us eternal life!



He came to
take our place!



Isaiah 53:4-5

"Surely He took up OUR pain and bore OUR suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for OUR transgressions, He was crushed for OUR iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed."



2 Corinthians 5:21

"He who had no sin...
BECAME SIN
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."



Therefore!

In view of all God has done...

Romans 12:1

"So brothers and sisters, in view of all that God had done to show us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice unto Him. Give Him the gift of your life, lived daily as an offering to please Him alone. This is the only response that makes sense and it's the one He desires. This is the spiritual way for you to worship."



Micah 6:6-8

"With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?"

...He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?...



Isaiah 64:6
"All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags..."



Isaiah 61:10
"I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness..."



It ain't much but it's all I got!

That's all I ever wanted!