ReThink Christmas  
Sunday, December 15, 2013

Matthew 2:1-12  

I. Introduction  
ReThink – to reconsider – especially profoundly  
Christmas – the annual festival of the Christian Church commemorating the birth of Jesus  

So today we want to profoundly reconsider the annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus and its meaning.

Focus Point: “Christmas is about Worship not Wants!”

II. Christmas is About Worship!  
1) Worship is Intentional (v.1,2)  
Unfortunately we can sometimes make Christmas about seeking presents rather than seeking Jesus. We have switched pursuits…we have now made Christmas about pursuing things rather than pursuing Immanuel – God with Us!  

Seeking is not a passive half-hearted attempt, but a diligent effort-ridden pursuit!

“You will seek me and find, when you seek me with all your heart.” Jer. 29:13  

“With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments.” Psalm 119:10  

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” Hebrews 11:6  

2) Worship is Relational (v.2,9)  
Whatever you worship you will have a relationship with it!  

Anyone can sing, shout, testify and give Him fleshly worship, but only a believer who is in a vital, love relationship with Jesus can give Him pure, perfect worship.  

3) Worship is Personal (v.2,9-11)  
They did not allow others to do their worshiping for them. These men involved self in the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Look what they did: they came, v. 2; they came from a great distance, v. 2; they came by faith, v. 2; they rejoiced when they found Him, v. 10; they humbled themselves before Him, v. 11; and they willingly lavished their gifts upon Him, v. 11. Their worship involved self, and they involved all the self they possessed in their worship!
4) **Worship is Emotional (v.10,11)**

There is nothing wrong with emotional worship, as long as the Spirit of God is driving that worship. After all, the Bible calls upon us to “shout” unto Him in praise, Psa. 47:1; 98:4; to “clap” our hands to call attention to Him, Psa. 47:1; to “lift” our hands to Him in praise, Psa. 63:4; 134:2; to “laugh”, Psa. 126:2; to give Him unashamed, visible, vocal worship!

5) **Worship is Sacrificial (v.1,11)**

When these men came to worship, they did not worship on the cheap. Their worship cost them something. These men invested their time, travel and treasures. They brought gifts to present to the new found Savior.

These men brought gifts, but what Jesus asked of us is ourselves.

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” Romans 12:1

### III. Conclusion

Christmas is about Worship. Worshipping GOD becoming human! Christmas is a reminder of God’s faithfulness to send His Son into this broken, sinful world.

Christmas is about worshipping God for sending His Son to redeem a broken, sinful people and that alone is worthy of our worship!