

December 4, 2022
“Much Love. Hope Sent.”
(Matthew 3:1-11)

What brings you _____ this Advent season?

This Bible story is usually read as a message of _____, but I think it’s overwhelmingly a message of _____!

Robert McAfee Brown’s description of Jesus at Christmas:
“A small center of sanity in a large and crazy world.”

What we celebrate at Christmas is that Jesus _____ the message of much love, hope sent!

The word used for “repent” means “to _____ differently” or “to change the inner person.”

Repentance changes both your _____ and your _____!

The promise and hope of Christmas is that...

1.- In Jesus, we have a new _____.

When God wanted to show us His love, purposes and power in _____, He came in the person of Jesus Christ!

During Advent we realize more than ever that the priorities of this world are _____ and contrary to God’s kingdom!

We can put our hope and _____ fully in Him because he embodies the use of power in the _____ of love!

Helmut Thielicke: “Where Christ is King, everything is _____!”

2.- In Jesus, we have a new _____.

John baptized people in the _____ River.
(over)

When God’s people crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land, they crossed over into _____ and new life!

Our _____ represents our crossing over from _____ to new life in Jesus Christ!

As John Chrysostom said:
“Let us astound them by our way of _____!”

3.- In Jesus, we have a new _____.

If we’ve been baptized into new life with Jesus, our new purpose is to _____ the kingdom of heaven above all else!

You follow a different King, are living a new life, and have found a new purpose because you have _____ Jesus Christ!

Do you have the kingdom of heaven in you?

That’s the hope and promise of Christmas that you can receive today!