

Transition from Thanksgiving to Christmas

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given . . .—Isaiah 9:6

Thanksgiving is over and our thoughts immediately shift to Christmas. The dishes were hardly done and we were out shopping on Black Friday. It is easy to get caught in the rush and festivities of this special time of the year. We love the season, but we need to take time to love the Savior.

God looks at things very differently than we do. This is evident when He chose to have Jesus come as a child. We might have had Christ come as a mighty king or a powerful leader. God sent His Son as a little baby who had to be fed and carried from place to place. God allowed Him to go through the things children face. He got sick, He was probably teased, and He even felt lonely at times.

Only God could conceive a plan that would have Christ be born as a Child in order to become the Savior of mankind:

Philippians 2:6-8—Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Because Christ came as a child, He could tell his disciples that they must change and become like little children in order to enter heaven. He understood what it meant to be humble like a little child, and He told his disciples that the one who humbles himself like a child will be the greatest in the kingdom.

God set the example and we need to follow that example of humility, trust and obedience. We know we can trust Him and we can embrace His plan for our life. His strength is made perfect in weakness. We need to rely on Him as a baby relies on his parent. We need to humble ourselves and be committed to following Him—the one who came as a child because of His love for us.