

CCH Christmas Day 2021 “Christmas Tree Decorations”...

INTRO TO TALK

- v20
- I’ve got here a Christmas tree, but looking a bit bare.
- Sad.... what shall I do?
- 3 gifts- help me get it looking nice. Who can help?
- First song, give us some clues....

SONG- CHRIST THE KING OF CHRISTMAS- verse 1&2

- Each one has a decoration and some verses
- First a verse for the tree.

1) CHRISTMAS TREE- Psalm 1:1-3

- picture of a really healthy tree
- *“Why are Christmas trees not good at knitting? Keep dropping needles!”*
- We can be healthy if we listen to the Word not the world!
- So our Christmas tree tour starts with **the Bible**.
- It’s the way into knowing the truth about God, yourself, life!
- ☞ Maybe there’s someone who’s here today stopped reading.
- ☞ Kids if you’d like a bible.
- ☞ Adults too. Luke’s gospel.

2) LIGHTS- John 8:12 & Matt 5:14

- Open parcel 1! Let’s put lights on... 2 verses here.
 - **Jesus is the light of the World!**- source of all that is good!
 - Wonderful promise.
 - But also.... (S on the Mt) We are the light of the world!
- Difference between sun & moon. REFLECTED. Lucie!
- *“let your worship of King Jesus shine like fairy lights”*
- ☞ Never be light in world unless we first let Jesus in. I wonder if you have asked Jesus to be your King and your rescuer?
- ☞ Philippians talks about Christians being *blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.*

SONG- CHRIST THE KING OF CHRISTMAS verses 3 & 4

3) CANDY CANE- Rev 7:3,4

- Open parcel 2.
- In final book of the Bible get a vision of God the Father and Jesus on his throne in heaven. And John sees a massive crowd of people from all nations who are worshipping Jesus.
- But they have been through a great tribulation- been through hard times.
 - Reminder for many persecuted Christians around the world Cmas is hard day, and in some countries you can be imprisoned for celebrating the birth of Jesu.
- But look at verse.
- washed their robes and made them white!
- In blood!
- mums and dads clean with Daz or Persil or Sainsbury’s BIO liquid.
- The baby who was born in a manger came to die.
- Our lives are dirty. Called Sin. Can’t wash it off.
- “Christ the saviour is born”!

4) GIFTS- 1 Cor 15:58

- Well the greatest gift is Jesus. John 3:16 last Sunday morning.
- But once we understand that and receive him,
 - we want to give him our lives.
- Give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord.
- Christmas about giving & receiving gifts.
- Can feel weary. Esp in our labour for Church. Never wasted. Not in vain.
- **Jesus came to give his life to us, we now give our lives to him.**

*If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
But what I can I give him
Give him my heart
Give him my heart*

- Let’s pray.