

CHRISTMAS:

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Scandalous Love
Hosea 3:1-5

WHO DID JESUS COME FOR?

- Good people who just need to be better
- Broken people who simply need healing
- Rebellious people who need saving
- Fatally flawed people who need redeeming

AN UNSETTLING REALITY

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Romans 3:23

“For the wages of sin is death,”

Romans 6:23

The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”

² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. ³ Then I told her, “You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you.”

⁴ For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. ⁵ Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

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“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

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“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

A REASON FOR PRAISE

- The king has come
- Our sin has been forgiven

that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:19

- We get to be the bearers of the good news that Christmas is all about to our world.



TO GO . . .

- What is Christmas *really* about?
- How will you celebrate the good news?
- With whom will you share the gift of God's grace?