



Looking Forward to Christmas Bill Bush | 12.12.2020

Big Idea:

God wants something *FOR* us more than He wants something *FROM* us.

God was *already* looking forward to Christmas.

Genesis 3:15

And I will cause hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

Luke 2:10-14

¹⁰ But the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.
¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!
¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."
¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,
¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Romans 14:17

For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The Kingdom is one of GOODNESS, PEACE, and JOY.

Goodness

The good news is that God is FOR YOU based on what the King Jesus DID.

Peace

Peace is a person to relate to, not a place at which to arrive.

Joy

It is more than a feeling. It's also a confident-abiding decision.