



Pastor's Message

The Holiday Season

We have arrived at the time of the year when we have so many holidays, that they somewhat jumble together. We have Halloween (All Hallows' Eve), quickly followed by All Saints' Day (All Hallows' Day). Next, we honor our men and women who served this country with distinction on Veterans' Day. Then, we show and share all that we are thankful for on Thanksgiving. That's just in November! December has the honor of celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Then, we end the year on New Year's Eve and start the year off right with New Year's Day.

I share all of this to say we get very busy celebrating, eating, visiting family, and whatever else comes to our minds. But I don't want us to overlook this one thing. We always say Jesus is the reason for the season. But, Jesus in our hearts is of the utmost importance. This goes beyond any of the holidays. This goes beyond the candy of Halloween, or the pictures and memorials of All Saints' Day. This goes beyond the flags we pin on our veterans on Veterans' Day. This goes beyond the turkey and fixings for Thanksgiving. This goes beyond all the presents we give and receive on Christmas Day.

That is because the gift of Jesus in our hearts is the greatest gift that we can ever receive! With this gift, we can see eternity! With this gift, we will see the Lamb of God, who took away our sins and replaced them with a crown! With this gift, we see God in all His Glory and sing His praises forever and ever! HALLELUJAH!!! So, when someone asks what are you doing this holiday season, say I'm growing closer in my relationship with Christ. For only what you do for Christ, will last!

Pastor Bert

