



Pastor's Message for Christmas

A TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS

In this season of Advent, we wait in anticipation of the birth of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. In the 2nd chapter of Luke, we see the beginning of a life that is full of potential, awe, wonder and most of all love! All of the hope and promise that ever existed for the whole world was placed within the child born in Bethlehem.

A few years ago, I saw a magnolia tree with loads of seed pods on it. I grabbed one thinking that I might try to plant a few of the seeds. One factor in my decision was because I have loved the scent that magnolia flowers have since I was a child. The other factor was to see what was possible from the seeds, since the tree they came from is large and magnificent. Isn't that how we see God - large and magnificent? Large enough to be truly impressive to meet all of our needs, give us hope and a future; and magnificent to overflowing to love us so much that He sent us the very best -Jesus!

The next time you are given a seed (idea, goal, etc.), think of it not as a challenge or difficulty or chore to be endured, but rather as the potential of wonderful opportunities and blessings it represents.

Jesus was and is the blessing that God gave us as a result of us needing a new beginning, one with a desired result, a future with hope. O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, thank you for having mercy on us! The Blessings of God be with you during this season!

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