

## THE WORD FOR LIFE – SERMON NOTES

### The Songs of Christmas #2 What Christmas Is Really About By Louie Marsh, 12/12/2004

1) God \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited his people....  
Luke 1:68 (NLT)*

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child  
and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)*

2) God \_\_\_\_\_.

*...and redeemed them. Luke 1:68 (NLT)*

*But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full  
rights of sons. Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV)*

3) God \_\_\_\_\_.

*He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant  
David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from  
our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us-- Luke 1:69-71 (NIV)*

4) God \_\_\_\_\_.

*to show mercy to our fathers... Luke 1:72a (NIV)*

*On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but  
the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'  
For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:12-13  
(NIV)*

5) God \_\_\_\_\_.

*...and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father  
Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to  
serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our  
days. Luke 1:72b-75 (NIV)*

• My purpose is – \_\_\_\_\_

○ The character of my service is...

➤ Holy - \_\_\_\_\_

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to  
God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept.  
When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?  
Romans 12:1 (NLT)*

➤ Righteous - \_\_\_\_\_

*Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous  
will live by faith." Galatians 3:11 (NIV)*

➤ Free – \_\_\_\_\_

*The people who walk in darkness will see a bright light. The light will  
shine on those who live in the land of death's shadow. Isaiah 9:2 (GW)*

➤ Loving & Pleasing God - \_\_\_\_\_

*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has  
to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1  
John 4:18 (NIV)*

➤ Life Long – \_\_\_\_\_

*He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the  
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:8 (NIV)*

6) God \_\_\_\_\_.

*"You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High. You will go ahead of  
the Lord to prepare his way. You will make his people know that they can  
be saved through the forgiveness of their sins. A new day will dawn on us  
from above because our God is loving and merciful. He will give light to  
those who live in the dark and in death's shadow. He will guide us into the  
way of peace." Luke 1:76-79 (GW)*