

December 13, 2015
Luke 1:26-38

PUTTING CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTmas

I. Introduction:

Advent is Latin for the word “_____”

II. Three Things To Remember To Put CHRIST back into CHRISTmas

A. If you want Christ more, you have to _____
to do His _____.

“My soul praises the Lord, my heart rejoices in God my Savior, because he has shown his concern for his humble servant girl.” Luke 1:46-48

“Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes and accept Thy will for my life, I give myself, my time, my all utterly to Thee to be Thine forever. Fill me and seal me with Thy Holy Spirit. Use me as Thou wilt, send me where Thou wilt, work out Thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever.” (By Rebecca Scott Stam)

B. If you want Christ more, you have to _____
to pay the _____.

“Mary said, I am the Lord’s servant and I am willing
to do whatever He wants.” Luke 1:38

Desiring Christ more cost May her _____

Desiring Christ more cost Mary her _____

C If you want Christ more, you have to _____
to trust His _____.

“Mary asked the angel, “But how can I have a
baby? I am a virgin. The angel replied, The Holy
Spirit shall come upon you and the power of God
shall overshadow you. For every promise from God
shall surely come true.” Luke 1:34-35, 37 (Living
Bible)

“For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37

III. Conclusion and Application:

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Open It

1. When was an occasion that you received an unexpected honor?
2. *How do you tend to react when you receive unexpected good news?

Explore It

3. Who greeted Mary? Why? (1:26-28)
4. How did Mary learn of her role in Jesus' birth? (1:26-28)
5. How did Mary feel when the angel appeared to her? (1:29-30)
6. *How did Gabriel describe the child that would be born to Mary? (1:31-33)
7. What title would Jesus have? (1:32)
8. What Old Testament personalities were part of Jesus' royal line? (1:32-33)
9. Why wasn't Mary struck dumb by the angel as Zechariah was? (1:34)
10. *How did Mary's response to the angel differ from Zechariah's? (1:34, 38)
11. Why did Gabriel mention Elizabeth's pregnancy to Mary? (1:36-37)

12. What kind of attitude was apparent in Mary's response to the angel's visit? (1:38)
13. *What did Mary's final statement to Gabriel show about her relationship with God? (1:38)

Get It

14. *What do Mary's responses to Gabriel tell us about the kind of people through whom God works?
15. In what different ways do people respond to the story of Christ's birth?
16. What difference does it make whether or not a person believes that the child born to Mary was really the Son of God?
17. *How has the fact that "with God, nothing is impossible" taken root in your life?
18. In what ways would you say Mary's responses to Gabriel summarize what our relationship with God ought to be like?

Apply It

19. *What "impossibilities" in your life do you want to thank God for this week?
20. What can you do to maintain a servant's attitude as you live from day to day?
21. In what ways can you develop the kind of humble spirit that Mary had?