

## THE COMFORT OF CHRISTMAS - PART 2

A hot beverage can bring comfort by warming us up on the inside

We need to get our hearts warmed up in the comfort of the Lord for Christmas

The opposite of having a warm heart is having a cold heart

The Lord wants worship that comes from a heart that's been warmed by his love, that's been comforted by his care, that is ready to approach him in his presence because of Jesus

Jesus's parents may have had to battle with some physical elements like cold and wind at the time of his birth

Today there are some elements that we have to battle with in order to keep our hearts warm and to hang onto the true meaning of Christmas which has been so secularized

Pastor Andy's nativity set has been missing a wise man for years, but no one notices as long as baby Jesus is still in the middle of it

Is Jesus in the middle of your Christmas this year?

What if you drove past a nativity set and saw a brand new Kia parked in the middle of it instead of a manger or a diamond ring laying there instead of Jesus?

That's what the world has done, but what would God see if he looked into the nativity set of your heart today, would there be something else in the place of Jesus?

Would he see the dollar, the diamond ring or the car instead of Jesus?

We need to get our hearts warmed up for Christmas because Jesus is the comfort of our hearts

1. We need to let Jesus be the center of Christmas

Does not mean you should not have good traditions, but in doing so, put Jesus at the center of it

Find a way to bring Jesus into your Christmas traditions

2. We must feed on Jesus

The manger was a feeding trough where animals came to feed

Jesus is the bread of life (communion)

3. We must make the effort to warm someone else's heart

We must receive comfort before we can give comfort to others, yet sometimes we receive comfort as we comfort others

Warm hearts by meeting a need, by communicating, by spending time with them

### SCRIPTURE LIST

Luke 2:1-20

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Proverbs 4:23

James 2:14-17

John 6:35 + 51