# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

### December 18

# CHRISTMAS IS A GOOD TIME FOR RECEIVING

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV) "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

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**Matthew 1:21** "You will give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins"

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)** "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

**Romans 5:1 (NIV)** "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)** " As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Romans 6:11-14 (NIV) "In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace."

Romans 7:21-25 (NIV) "So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body."

**Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)** "A New Heaven and a New Earth. Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:22-27 (NIV) "I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the

Lamb's book of life. that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

### 2. Jesus

**James 1:17 (NIV)** "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

**Psalm 68:19 (NKJV)** "Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah."

**Lamentations 3:22-24 (NIV)** "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.'"

**John 10:10 (NKJV)** "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

**Romans 8:28 (NIV)** "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

## 3. Jesus \_\_

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)** "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT) "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

**Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV)** "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky."

**John 1:16(AMP)** "For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor, and gift heaped upon gift]."

John 4:9-10 (NLT) "The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, 'You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?' Jesus replied, 'If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.'"

**John 4:15 (NLT)** "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

**John 1:11-12 (NIV)** "He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."