

God's Final Word: Christ
Hebrews 1:1-3

If we look back in human history, we will see evidence that man has always felt an inner drive to live forever in a perfect world. The world's novelists like Upton Sinclair dreamed about Utopia. The world's explorers like Ponce de Leon searched for immortality in discoveries such as the Fountain of Youth. Human history also shows that this drive has never become a reality, at least on human terms. We have never been able to achieve these things for ourselves. But the drive and the desire are still there.

1. Jesus is the _____ of God's Word
 - A. God's word was spoken in the _____
 - B. God's word was spoken in _____
2. Jesus is the _____ of God's promises
 - A. He is the heir to all _____
 - B. He is the heir to all _____
 - C. He is the heir to all _____
3. Jesus is the _____ of God's character
 - A. He is the _____
 - B. He is the _____
 - C. He is the _____
 - D. He is the _____

Christmas reminds us that Jesus is both Rescuer and Restorer. The gospel tells us not to stop at the cradle though. We must embrace more than the cradle of Christmas. We must embrace the cross if we are to experience the joy of knowing God. Jesus entered this world to inaugurate a kingdom that is still yet to come. He came and died in the most humble and tragic of circumstances, but He will return in all the majesty and glory of a warrior who through His resurrection defeated death. Joy to the world. God has spoken through Christ.

Reflection

Read Luke 2:8-20 and Romans 10:14-15. Who is the first person you tell when you hear or experience something good? Who do you think deserves to hear about the Rescuer? What steps can you take to make sure that you are embracing the cross as much as the cradle this year?