



Taking Worship Into Your Week

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“Good grief!” That was the phrase Charlie Brown used every time he was stressed and frazzled. Sometimes, the way we prepare for Christmas causes us to become frazzled with the result that we might exclaim, “Christmas? Good grief!” So, each Sunday of Advent, we’ll use the beloved cartoon “A Charlie Brown Christmas” as we bring God’s Word to bear on how we can change our preparations into a time of hope and joy.

“Doesn’t anybody,” yells Charlie Brown in desperation, “know what Christmas is all about?” We find in Charles Schultz’s timeless cartoon – and more importantly, in God’s revelation – that Christmas is all about “getting what’s coming to us.” Were it not for Christ – his holy birth, life and blameless death for us – we wouldn’t want what’s coming to us; but set free and forgiven, we can anticipate the gift with wide-eyed wonder.

1. Using a concordance, find examples of the use of the word “deserve” is used in the New Testament; cite here samples of what we “deserve” from God:
2. See Titus 3:5. What is the word Paul uses to describe God’s motivation for saving us? And how does he accomplish that salvation?
3. See Ephesians 2:1-10. With what word in verse 1 does Paul describe how we used to be?
4. And what are we now?
5. And, because Christmas is on the way, what are we to do with the “gift” he brings?