

This past Sunday Pastor Ernest shared with us on the topic of preparing for Christ in preparations for the Christmas season.

Isaiah 40:3-5, Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6, Luke 1:13-17, 1:76-79 and Matthew 3:1-3 speaks to us about this theme of preparing for Christ.

The Malachi Back Drop:

587 – Captivity to Babylon

538 – Return from Babylon

516 – Temple Rebuild

458 – Ezra returns with Exiles

455 – Nehemiah restores and rebuilds

445-430 – Malachi's repentance message

Repentance brings humility and softens the heart.

Malachi's Message:

Malachi 1:2

1. Worship (Malachi 1:6-10)
2. Giving (Malachi 3:8-12, Deuteronomy 16:16-17)

Practical Application

1. What has been your tradition in regards to preparing for the Christmas season? How do you bring Jesus into this?
2. Do you see worship and giving as being a part of the Christmas season?
3. What are some practical ways that you can bring Jesus Christ into the Christmas season?