

The Christmas Epiphany: God Shows Up
II Timothy 1:7-14

"epiphonia" (Gr.) - a revelation/manifestation resulting in inner illumination

The Christmas Epiphany Is From a Person, Through a Person, To Persons

- The Person of Jesus Christ is God's full disclosure - Col 2:9; Jo 1:1-14; Heb 1:1-3
 - ...salvation is embodied personally in Jesus Christ - Jo 1:14; Phil 2:6-8
 - ...He is Immanuel - God with us - Matt 1:23
- Christmas reminds us the Christian gospel is always personal

Epiphanies Are Initiated by God

- We call that grace/mercy - Titus 2:11; Titus 3:4-7
 - ...He appeared to deliver us - Lk 19:10; Jo 12:46-47
 - ...He appeared to deal with our needs, not just our faults - Matt 1:21
- God's love moves Him in our direction - Jo 3:16
 - ...it puts Him in motion
 - ...epiphanies are always a gift - Eph 2:8-10

Epiphanies Are Enlightening - Matt 4:16; Lk 2:29-32; Jo 1:4:5,9

- He lights the way to the knowledge of God - Jo 14:9; Col 1:15
- He lights the way to authentic humanness - Heb 2:14; Matt 3:17
- He lights the way to God's eternal purposes - Col 1:27; I Jo 1:1-3
 - ...life and immortality cannot be purchased with human currency - Is 55:1-3
 - ...life and immortality can only be purchased with divine currency - I Cor 6:20; I Pet 1:18-19; Rev 5:9
- God alone has the "goods" - Hab 3:17-19