

## **TIS THE SEASON ... TO BE HUMBLE**

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5 NIV).*

C.S. Lewis once wrote, When we have exalted ourselves in pride, God does not want to punish us and bring us low but rather to forgive and restore us. He says again and again in Scripture, humble yourselves, and I will exalt you. This gives us hope and encouragement. God takes pleasure in our efforts to humble ourselves, and he loves to bless and exalt the humble.

As we prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of Jesus, let's begin by recreating His attitude in us.

- I. TIS THE SEASON TO DEVELOP A CHRIST-LIKE ATTITUDE**
  - a. A willingness to give up what was rightfully His
  - b. A willingness to take on the role of a servant
  - c. A willingness to be obedient
- II. TIS THE SEASON TO DEVELOP A UNITY WITH CHRIST'S SPIRIT**
  - a. Being united with Christ produces encouragement
  - b. Being united with Christ produces comfort
  - c. Being united with Christ produces fellowship with the Spirit
  - d. Being united with Christ produces union with other Christians
- III. TIS THE SEASON TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF CHRIST'S PURPOSE**
  - a. Christ's first mission was misunderstood; He was representing God living among us
  - b. Christ's continuing mission is for salvation and sanctification
  - c. Christ's final mission will bring everyone to submission and confession