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The Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

***THE CHRISTMAS GIFT***

*God Supplies our Substantial Needs – Our Need for Maturity*

Luke presents Jesus Christ as the Son of Man

\*Hymn No. 128 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (1, 3, 4)

Offering of Thanks and Praise Mr. Robert Smith

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Why do we Need the Son of Man?  
How does Jesus Meet Those Needs?

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *'O' Antiphons* (See words in Long Order 5 & 6)

Sermon Concluded

Our Response: Repentance *"Jesus come and find me!"*

Song of Response

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. 101 *His Name is Wonderful*

\*Postlude

**THE CHRISTMAS GIFT:**

*... my God will meet all your needs  
according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

(Philippians 4:19)

God supplies our ..... Social Needs (Matthew) – *Need for Identity*  
..... Situational Needs (Mark) – *Need for Humility*  
..... **Substantial Needs (Luke)** – *Need for Maturity*  
..... Spiritual Needs (John) – *Need for Security*

I. Luke presents Jesus Christ as the Son of Man.

A. Luke, a physician, set out to write a two volume history:  
*The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.*

B. The theme verse: (Luke 19:10) – “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

C. Luke presents Christ in His perfect humanity – who came to redeem the human race (*Genealogy goes back to Adam*)

D. Luke mentions women, children, prayer, singing, and rejoicing .... as he introduces the Son of Man who came to redeem sinners.

E. It may be difficult for us to relate to a King (Matthew), or identify with a Suffering Servant (Mark), or comprehend the Lamb of God (John), but we can all identify with the Son of Man (Luke)

II. Why do we need the Son of Man? (What are our physical needs?)

A. We need someone to show us how to successfully face personal temptations. (*We struggle with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.*)

B. We need someone to show us how to successfully live in this sinful world. (*We struggle with the weeds of life.*)

1. Weeds that attack our emotional health.
2. Weeds that attack our physical health.
3. Weeds that attack our spiritual health.

III. How does Jesus – as the Son of Man – meet those needs?

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”  
(Luke 19:10)

A. His mission: to seek the lost.

B. His mission: to save the lost.

C. Our response: ***"Jesus come and find me!"*** (Luke 15:1-7)

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\*Hymn No. 151 *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! news! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door,  
and man is blessed evermore:  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall:  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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L: <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? (Luke 15:3-4)

C: <sup>5</sup> **And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders**  
<sup>6</sup> **and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’** (Lk 15:3-4)

L: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to

his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

C: **I am thankful that the Son of Man came to seek and to save me — for I was lost.** (Luke 19:10)

Silent Prayer – (Meditate on these words)

*“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)*

*<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)*

L: <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious King!”  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,

Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,  
when with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Offering of Thanks and Praise  
Offertory

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Sermon Continued

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Hymn

*'O' Antiphons*

(5 & 6)

*(The first and third Antiphon as  
referenced in the lighting of the  
first Advent Candle. Sung to the  
Tune No. 123)*

*O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. *Thou Dist Leave Thy Throne (3 & 4)*

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
that should set Thy people free;  
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn  
they bore Thee to Calvary.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—  
there is room in my heart for Thee!

When the heav'ns shall ring and the angels sing  
at Thy coming to victory, let Thy voice call me home,  
saying, "Yet there is room—there is room at My side for thee,"  
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,  
when thou comest and callest for me!

\*Postlude