

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject



The brilliant German clergyman, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who opposed Adolf Hitler and was killed because of it, made many insightful statements. Concerning Christmas, Bonhoeffer said that modern Christians take only “the pleasant and agreeable out of it and forget the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little world and lays claim to us.”

He meant that when the presence of the holy light of God is revealed, we should see the seriousness of the magnificent revelation. Bonhoeffer put it this way: “The coming of God is truly not only glad tidings, but first of all frightening news for everyone who has a conscience.”

An example of this is found in Luke’s description of the shepherds’ encounter with an angel: “... the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified” (Luke 2:9, NRSV).

Christmas is about God’s immeasurable love invading Earth. It is also about the holy God being revealed among Earth’s people, all of whom fall short of the glory of God.

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Spiritual “To Do List”
(things God has shown me today)

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REVELATION

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together:for the
mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
Isaiah 40:5

