



-- **Big Idea:** The eternal kingship of Christ is God's perfect gift to man.

1.) Christ's kingship was _____ from eternity past.

- The book of Genesis ends with the expectation of an eternal King sent from God (Genesis 49:10, Revelation 5:5).
- After Israel's deliverance from Egypt, Moses' song of triumph prophesies about God's eternal king to come (Exodus 15:17-18).
- The establishment of an earthly king in Israel pointed ahead to the eternal King who would succeed where earthly kings failed (1 Sam. 8).
- The inter-testamental period is rife with unfulfilled hopes and the groaning expectations of a king from the line of David to deliver Israel.
- The prophets consistently tell of a forever King from the line of David who will rule as King forever (Isaiah 9:7, Daniel 2:44, Luke 1:32-33).
- The hope of all history arrived in the birth of the Messiah.

2.) Christ's eternal kingship _____ to us on Christmas Day.

- **The famous events of the Christmas story were in no way accidental or coincidental** (Micah 5:2, Galatians 4:4-5)
 - By God's eternal and divine plan, Mary and Joseph were in just the right place, at just the right time, for just the right purpose.
 - The Christmas story begins before time and will endure eternally.
- **Christ's Kingdom today is an " _____ / _____ " kingdom.**
 - It is already inaugurated but it is not yet complete (Hebrews 2:8-9).

-- At His reappearing, His absolute Kingship will be made complete (Ephesians 1:9-10, Matthew 25:31).

-- **The world opposes Christ because He is the _____.**

-- If Jesus were just a nice guy, and if Christmas is just a nativity scene, then why does the name of Jesus arouse such fierce opposition?

-- The opposition to Christ all is so intense because God has made it clear that Jesus Christ is the one true King of all.

4.) Christ's kingship will endure _____ (Rev. 11:15).

-- All of Creation exists by Jesus Christ and for Jesus Christ, who is King now and will remain its King forever (Colossians 1:15-18).

-- Abraham Kuiper - "There is not one inch of human life about which Jesus does not say 'mine'."

-- Thus, we can submit Him now as the gracious King who forgives, or we can submit to Him then, as the Divine Judge who justly punishes.

Application

1.) _____ the gift of Christ the King.

-- Give up self-rule. It is self-destructive and self-defeating (Luke 9:24-25).

-- Submit to the rule of the eternal King of Kings.

2.) _____ for Christ's kingdom, not your own.

-- Satan and this world have duped so many into living for purposes and priorities that will all become as nothing in the end.

-- In light of the eternal kingship of Christ, too many of us are building too many sand castle kingdoms on earth (Matthew 6:19-21).

-- Because only Christ's kingdom is forever, only service done for His kingdom will reap any worthwhile reward (Ecc. 2:17-19, Col. 3:23-24).

3.) _____ the perfect gift of Christ's eternal kingship.

-- We search all around for Christmas gifts, while God is freely offering us the eternally perfect kingdom of our eternally perfect King.

-- The one and only gift that will matter in the end is the gift God gave us in His Son.