

Sermon Notes
December 8, 2024
Christmas Series - God in the Manger
“The Personal Transcendent”

Week 1: God’s **gift** to humanity is his **limiting** with the **purpose** of **salvation**, that we might experience **infinite forgiveness** which leads to **eternal life**.

Week 2 - The Personal Being of God

God interacts with his creation as an **individual**, with **self**-consciousness and **will**, capable of **feeling**, **choosing**, and **reciprocating** relationships.

Two Ways God is Personal in the Christmas Story

#1 - God is **personal** in that he showed **purposes** in taking on human flesh.

Scripture Reference: **Luke** 1:28, 30-33

Scripture Reference: **Luke** 2:10-11

Scripture Reference: **Matthew** 1:23.

#2 - God is **personal** in that he showed he **cared** for people.

Scripture Reference: **Matthew** 1:20-21

If God **isn’t** personal, then he isn’t **compassionate** toward our **sin** situation, either dealing **harshly** with us, or acting **indifferent**.

A **personal relationship** with God is what he **seeks** from us, and is the **basis** for our **salvation**.

Scripture Reference: **Matthew** 7:21

Challenge:

First, thank God for his purposes and care in your life.

Second, show that same care to people you meet this week.