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Re-Created In Christ

Series: Cosmic Christmas – Advent 2014

John 1:9-13

Cosmic Christmas

Act I - Creation

- ❖ We were originally created by God for his glory and for our good, the good of our neighbors and the good of the planet.

Genesis 1:27–28 (NIV) — 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:31 (NIV) — 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...

John 1:1–4 (NIV) — 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Act II - Rebellion

- ❖ Like Adam and Eve, we have rebelled against God through our sinful unbelief and are thus separated from God's good purpose for us.

Genesis 3:6 (NIV) — 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. (See also all of Genesis chapter 3)

John 1:9–11 (NIV) — 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) — 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Act III – Resue and Re-Creation

- ❖ At the coming of Christ, the possibility of second chances and new beginnings became a reality for everyone and all creation.

John 3:3 (NIV) — 3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

2 Corinthians 5:16–17 (NIV) — 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Revelation 21:5 (NIV) — 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (See also Romans Chapter 8)

Central Thought: Jesus was born into this world that he created so that we and all creation could be reborn – re-created – into our intended status and purpose.

Questions/Homework

- ❖ Read the "See also" passages above.
- ❖ Have you repented of your sinful unbelief and been "born again" into God's good purpose for you by turning to and trusting in Christ Jesus?