

# “Christmas According To” Series: Modern Believers



Pastor Bryan Keith Dugger - 12/09/2018

## I. Biblical Christmas

---

---

---

---

## II. The First Advent

John 1:14-16

---

---

---

---

## III. The Second Advent

Hebrews 9:27-28

---

---

---

---

## IV. Christmas In The Meantime

---

---

---

---

## Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

*Biblically celebrating Christmas by keeping Christ at the center of the holiday that bears His name, is the duty of every believer. Modern believers should be advocates & practitioners of a biblical celebration of Christmas. It is an opportunity to both acknowledge the first advent & testify to the truth that the Messiah is coming again. With each passing year, believers see the day of the Lord’s return drawing closer.*

*At the heart of a biblical Christmas celebration is the fact that because the first advent occurred, the second is certain to follow. Jesus’ first arrival onto the world stage brought grace & truth—a light shining in the darkness of humanity’s sin. His second coming will bring salvation to the Saints who have trusted in Him. In the meantime, each believer must endeavor to make a place for Christ in their Christmas & likewise make a place for the skeptics who do not yet know Him.*

*What are some specific ways you could enhance or modify your Christmas plans to better reflect the truth of the holiday? Are there any elements of your attitude or activity about Christmas that are not in line with what the Lord expects? Lastly, who is someone you could include in your Christmas plans that presently does not know the Lord?*

*Keeping Christ at the center of Christmas is not first & foremost the responsibility of government or business—it is the responsibility of every believer. Prayerfully ask God to reveal how He wants you to celebrate the first advent this Christmas season. Express your thanksgiving for His gift of another year to live, love & learn. Praise Him for the security of your salvation & the promise to come again someday in accordance with the will of the Father.*