

Mid-week Stewardship Thought

Follow the Plan

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree..." (Luke 2:1). These familiar words are in our ears and hearts often during this Christmas season. Many of us can recite them along with the pastor as he reads the wonderful Christmas story over again, the story of which we, Christ's redeemed children, never tire. In fact, the words are new every time we hear them. We marvel at God's plan – the plan that called for Jesus to come to earth to save us from our sins and, then, all the plans that were put into place, so the birth would occur just as Scripture had said it would.

After Christmas, what do we do with this message? Do we put it away again for another year, or do we allow its words to work in our hearts and provide the impetus for all we do and say and think throughout the year?

The plan of salvation was conceived before the world began. God also has a plan for you. His plan for your life was conceived long before you were born. Through Christ, God has made you His own. You *"...were redeemed...with the precious blood of Christ..."* (1 Peter 1:18, 19). As His child, you have been chosen (John 15:16).

Prayer: Father, thank You for Your Son, Jesus. Help us to tell others, so that Jesus is not a secret from anyone. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

