♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, December 2, 2012

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(Matthew 5:33-48)

During this season we celebrate the coming of God in the flesh. Some people like to keep Jesus in the manger. The Bible teaches us that Jesus didn't stay a baby. In the Sermon on the Mount, we are challenged to move beyond being spiritual infants and on to maturity.

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"Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3, NLT).

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"He is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44, NASB).

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6, NASB).

"Give heed to my speech, for I have killed a man for wounding me; and a boy for striking me; if Cain is avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold" (Genesis 4:23-24, NASB).