

The Light of the World
Jesus Has Come to Set Us Free
Luke 1:18-22, 67-79

Many, if not most, of us have favorite holiday traditions and when it comes to Christmas, in addition to the lights, trees, and nativity sets, there are certain movies that have become as traditional as the Macys Day Parade on Thanksgiving. For me, there is nothing like turning on a fire, and if need be, opening up the house, and sitting down with a cup of hot chocolate to watch the all-time Christmas classics such as Elf or Christmas Vacation. Now I know for many of you, those were not the movies that come to mind. For many of you, there is nostalgia and sentiment in movies like Miracle on 34th Street, or It's a Wonderful Life.

1. Christ frees us in His visitation.
2. Christ frees us in His redemption.
3. Christ frees us in His faithfulness.

As we have prepared our homes, church, community, and workplaces for Christmas, I hope that we have invested an equal portion of time preparing our hearts for the Advent of the King. Trimming the tree, stringing the lights, hanging the wreaths, lighting the candles, singing the carols, and enjoying the festivities of the season are preparations that are meant to be savored and enjoyed. But all of this is done to remind us that our Christ, our Savior, our Lord, has come.