White Christmas Series I'm Dreaming

Isaiah 1:18

Introduction - Christmas embodies what every man's soul is looking for yet peace and joy, promised by the season, are **FLEETING** for most.

I. The Celebration of **MORE**

- Black Friday begins earlier as we eat, shop, spend, stress and do more
- Suicide and depression rates which lower during Christmas, surge in January
- Could it be a longing for a true "White Christmas" is missed; the greatest need of humanity??
- Example: the God-shaped hole inside us all; wrongs/ rights, war/ peace, emptiness/ fulfillment, longing/ purpose
- Poverty Matthew 26:11; Hardship John 16:33

II. Paradise **GIVEN** and Lost

- All good Genesis 1:31a
- Man created by and for God:
 - In God's likeness/ relationship Genesis 1:26a
 - Freedom Genesis 2:25; Innocence and freewill
 - Purpose; Be fruitful Genesis 1:28b
 - Make a difference Genesis 1:28c
- The Fall; emptiness Genesis 2:16-17
 - Their choice brought emptiness to life/ guilt and shame

- Genesis 3:6-8
- Our condition; guilty, battle weary, weak Psalm 51:5; Genesis 4:7b;
 Romans 7:18-19

III. The **PROMISED** One - Genesis 3:15

• Through Jesus, God wants to restore what was lost - John 10:10

Conclusion - May we surrender our lives to Jesus allowing Him to give us **NEW LIFE** today!