

Christmas behind the Curtain

2018 Christmas Sermon Series



Why was it necessary for God to send His Son?



We Shattered Our Glory!

**52% of Christians believe this statement:
“Everyone sins a little, but most people are good
BY NATURE.”**



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- Our corrupted nature radically alters
 - Our inclinations
 - Our attitudes
 - Our actions



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- The impact is devastating!



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“They do not try to hide their actions; they try to hide their very selves. They do not cover the apple core; they cover their own bodies. They are not trying to bury evidence; they are trying to bury themselves.”

—John Forrester, *Grace for Shame*



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Luke 2:34-35 (NET)

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “Listen carefully: This child is DESTINED to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be rejected. Indeed, as a result of him the THOUGHTS of many hearts WILL BE revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul as well!”

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- Jesus forms us into a Gospel-centered community.

