**SERMON SHEET 11/27/22**

**“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord, #20”**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Text: Isaiah 42:1-4**

I. Introduction

II. Jesus is God’s Servant (continued)

1. He displayed dependence (Isaiah 42:1a)
2. He received approval (Isaiah 42:1b)
3. He displayed modesty (Isaiah 42:2)
4. He displayed empathy (Isaiah 42:3)
5. He displayed optimism (Isaiah 42:4)

III. Thoughts for Advent: the results of Christ’s servanthood (Romans 15:8-12)

1. God’s promises are confirmed (v.8)
2. Gentile people are saved (vs. 9-12)

IV. Conclusion: a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Kevin DeYoung:

*Where orthodoxy is optional, orthodoxy will sooner or later be outlawed.*

2. Thomas Schreiner:

*Christ’s purpose in coming, then, was not only to certify the promises to the Jews, but also to include the Gentiles in the circle of his mercy*… *verses 8–12 reveal that the inclusion of Jews and Gentiles together in the church fulfills God’s covenantal promises given to Abraham and David.*

3. John MacArthur:

*To illustrate that it has always been God’s plan to bring Gentile and Jew alike into His kingdom, Paul cites passages from the Old Testament. They obviously were given to soften the prejudice of Christian Jews against Christian Gentiles by demonstrating from their own Scriptures that the inclusion of Gentiles was neither a divine nor a human afterthought.*

4. Andrew Walker:

*I know our view may be an electoral loser ... for now. I do not care. A nation that jettisons the created order is not a nation that elections or pluralism can heal.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

* **Phil. 2:7**
* **Matt. 11:28-30; Matt. 18:6; James 4:6; Eph. 5:11**
* **John 16:33; Judges 6:12; John 8:11; Rom. 15:4**
* **2 Cor. 1:20**
* **Gen. 2:15; Gen. 6:18; Gen. 12:3; 2 Sam. 7:16; 1 Kings 9:5; Is. 9:6-7; Jer. 31:34**
* **Rom. 1:16; Rom. 3:29-30; Rom. 9-11**
* **Luke 2:10; Luke 2:28-32**
* **Ps.18:49; Deut. 32:43; Ps. 117:1; Is. 11:10**