



COLORS *of* CHRISTMAS



Green: The Tale of Two Trees



Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched

Jeremiah 17:5-8

places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear

Jeremiah 17:5-8

when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

Jeremiah 17:5-8

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We can't rely on the rain.

*"Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength, whose
heart turns away from the Lord."*

Jeremiah 17:5

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We can't rely on the rain.

We rely on others to affirm our growth.

"He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land."

Jeremiah 17:6

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We can't rely on the rain.

We rely on others to affirm our growth.

We remain dissatisfied.

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We can't rely on the rain.

We rely on others to affirm our growth.

We remain dissatisfied.

We remain alone.



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We can rely on the Root.

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream..."

Jeremiah 17:7-8a

*"...and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green, and is not
anxious in the year of drought, for it
does not cease to bear fruit."*

Jeremiah 17:8b

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We can rely on the Root.

We do not fear.

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We can rely on the Root.

We do not fear.

We do not stop bearing fruit.





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Root yourself in Christ.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

John 15:4

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Root yourself in Christ.

We seek Him in Scripture.

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Root yourself in Christ.

We seek Him in Scripture.

We find Him in church.

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Root yourself in Christ.

We seek Him in Scripture.

We find Him in church.

We see Him in service.

*The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick; who can
understand it? "I the Lord search the
heart and test the mind, to give every
man according to his ways, according
to the fruit of his deeds."*

Jeremiah 17:9-10

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he

Jeremiah 33:14-16

shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

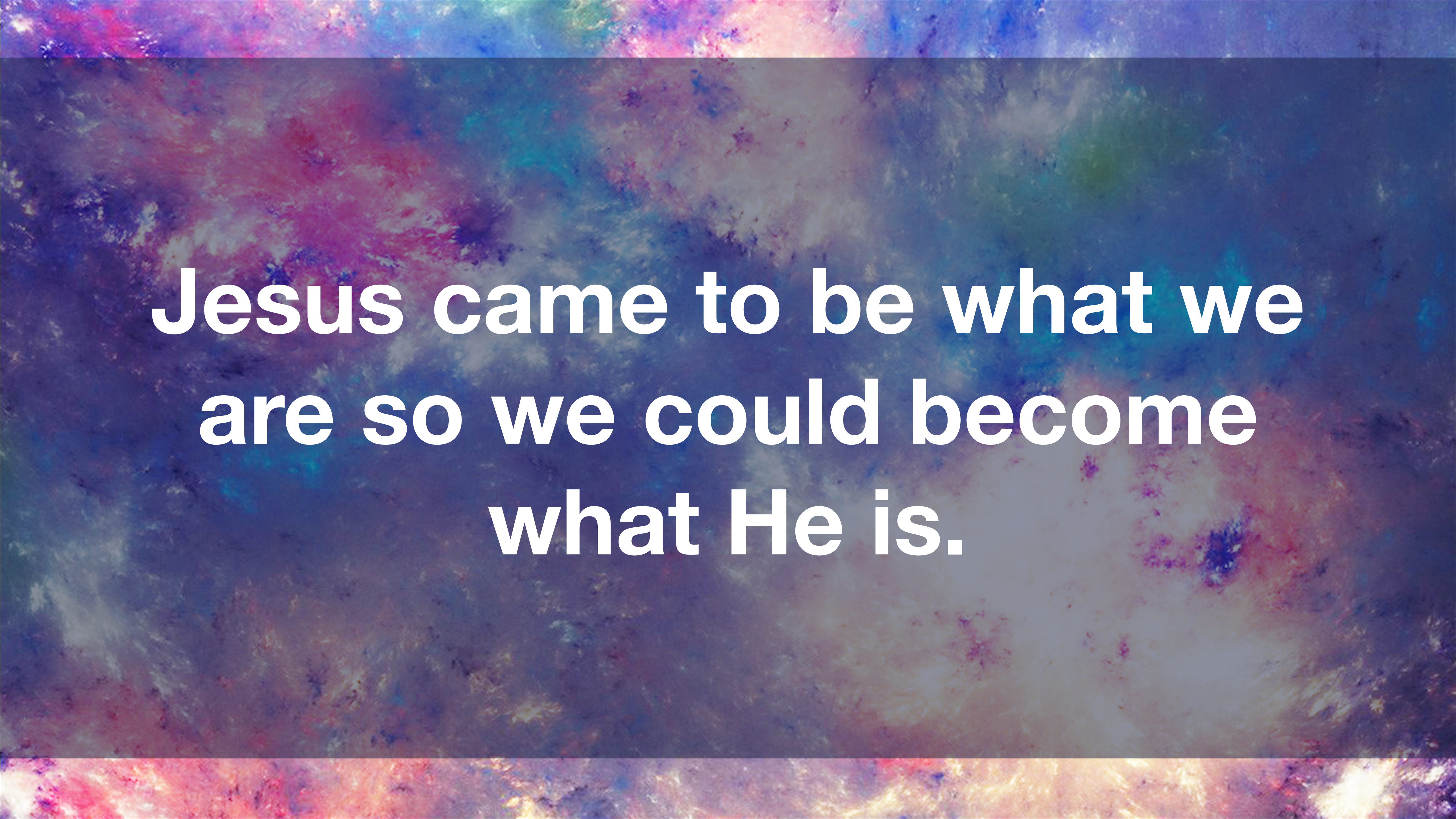
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us— for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree...”

Galatians 3:13

"For our sake he made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:21



**Jesus came to be what we
are so we could become
what He is.**