



**Message Outline**  
*Christmas thru the Clips:*  
*The Grinch*



**Jer. 17:9-10, Ezek.36:26-27**

**Intro:** Entering Christmas thru classical Christmas clips...

- Why did the Grinch hate Christmas?
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)

\*Are one of these keeping us from experiencing all that Christmas has to offer?

**The Prime Problem: A Heart Condition**

- Matthew 15:19-20—The heart is at the heart of all that goes wrong.
  - The heart as more than just physical organ...
- Jeremiah 17:9-10—“desperately corrupt”
- 1 Corinthians 4:5, Proverbs 21:2—the Holy God judges human hearts!
  - He knows the true us no matter what our lips might say about us (Mt.15:8).
  - This is alarming when we are aware of our own personal sin (cf. Ps.51:5—the first organ at conception...the heart!)
- BAD NEWS: A damaged heart can't heal itself!!! The need for a transplant (cf. Ezek.36:26-27).

**The Only Solution: A Heart Transplant**

- 1) You Need a D \_\_\_\_\_
  - Christmas announces a match has been found! (cf. Mt.1:20-21, Heb.2:14a).
- 2) You Need C \_\_\_\_\_
  - Consent often means repent (cf. Ps.51:10, 17, Acts 2:37-38).
- 3) You Need S \_\_\_\_\_
  - The cross as the table for the transplant (cf. Gal.2:20).
- 4) You Need R \_\_\_\_\_
  - Strengthening the heart: monitoring and new habits (cf. 1Thess.3:13).

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent:  
 Hope**



*“Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see.”<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> Faith shows the reality of what we **hope** for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.  
<sup>2</sup> Through their faith, the people in days of old (ie. Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah) earned a good reputation....  
<sup>13</sup> All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. <sup>16</sup> But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.  
 –Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16 NLT

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<sup>1</sup> The Conductor in the Polar Express by Warner Bros. 2004.