

## Home for Christmas

## The Grinch

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Am I a Grinch?

1. Do I \_\_\_\_\_ myself?
2. Do I have circumstances that \_\_\_\_\_ me?
3. Is my \_\_\_\_\_ screwed on right?
4. Do I have a \_\_\_\_\_ heart?
5. Do I see others as my \_\_\_\_\_?

Lamentations is a book of laments. It is a passionate crying out to God because of the pain and consequences of sin.

<sup>1</sup> **I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of the LORD's wrath.** <sup>2</sup> He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light; <sup>3</sup> indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long. Lamentations 3:1-3, NIV

Part of preparation for Christmas is to \_\_\_\_\_ my sin and to admit that I have made God my \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>19</sup> I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. <sup>20</sup> I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Lamentations 3:19-20, NIV

The pain and consequences of sin can leave me bitter and in a \_\_\_\_\_.

What does the pain of sin lead you to do?

It is a proper reaction to \_\_\_\_\_ to God for help.

<sup>21</sup> Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup> Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:21-23, NIV

In the midst of pain, I have \_\_\_\_\_. I remember God's great \_\_\_\_\_ and faithfulness which never fail me.

<sup>24</sup> I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; <sup>26</sup> it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. Lamentations 3:24-26, NIV

With God we have a new \_\_\_\_\_.

Instead of focusing on what is \_\_\_\_\_.

I focus on everything I \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:26-27, NIV

Instead of a Grinch, I am a \_\_\_\_\_ of God, bought with blood of Jesus. I am \_\_\_\_\_ to live a life of love.

## MEMORY VERSE

<sup>22</sup> Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. Lamentations 3:22, NIV

**My next step:** When I am in pain and misery, I will call out to God. I will honestly share my misery with him and align my thoughts with his certain promises.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.