

A Burning Coat

The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas: poinsettias, evergreen boughs, golden bows, and a candle on the sill of each stained-glass window.

Amid the beauty, the choir was presenting its cantata.

To capture this special event, a churchgoer was asked to videotape the service. He was happy to oblige, and after experimenting, decided the best place to set up was by the windows.

About 15 minutes into the service, the cameraman leaned too close to the lit candle on the window sill, and his suit coat caught fire. Two alert folks hastily snuffed out the blaze.

The church rejoiced that no one was injured.

Whereupon, the minister of music quickly noted: "Finally, somebody was truly on fire for Jesus!"



The season we have entered is all about Jesus. It is a celebration of the love of God, Who sent His only begotten Son into the world to provide the way for people to have fellowship with their Maker.

It is establishing a personal relationship with Jesus – acknowledging that we have missed the mark God set for us, asking forgiveness of our sins, and inviting Him to be the Savior and Lord of our lives.

Once that is done, do people conclude that we are "on fire for Jesus?"

By our words and our actions, do they see evidence of our commitment to Him, prompting our love and compassion for others?

Those are appropriate questions, particularly at this time of year.

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