



Worship Service
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Don't Be Afraid

Lesson Three • Luke 2:1-20

A Savior Is Born

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The shepherds go from sheer TERROR of seeing God's glory to great JOY of hearing the good news of Jesus' birth.

The Good News of Jesus' Birth

1. Jesus' Birth Was Announced to the SHEPHERDS!

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. Luke 2:8-9

The Unlikelihood of the Shepherds

Shepherds were one of the most DESPISED and disrespected groups of people at this time in Jewish history.

2. Jesus' Birth Is GOOD NEWS of Great Joy!

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12

What Is the Good News of Great Joy?

It's about the birth of a SAVIOR, but it also includes a death and resurrection.

The Birth of a Savior

- A Savior is born "this day in the city of DAVID."
- A Savior is born "who is Christ the LORD."
- A Savior is born "for unto US."

3. Jesus' Birth Means God's GLORY and Our PEACE!

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Luke 2:13-14

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end... Isaiah 9:6-7

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FEAR of God is replaced by PEACE with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Romans 8:7

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

A Savior Is Born! Now What?

Do as the shepherds did: WITNESS and WORSHIP.

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. Luke 2:15-17

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2:20