

The Gospel of Luke: The Gift of Christmas (2:8-15)

1. The Announcement of the Gift (vs.8-10)

- A. God _____ into the world of mankind (*Lk1:79; Is9:2*)
1. The world sits in darkness; dead to God in sin (*Rom3:10-12; Eph2:1-3*)
 2. God doesn't wait for us to find Him, we are in darkness/blind; He acts on His own and sends His messengers with the good news of His Gift! **He comes to us!!!*
 3. He comes to the lowly shepherds; lowest class, outcasts, nobodies (*Lk4:18; 14:11*)
 4. The messenger – an angel, the glory of the Lord shown around them – shekinah glory
**Ichabod – glory had departed b/c sin; now it has returned!*
- B. Good _____ of great joy – this is the greatest news there has been and will ever be to mankind!
1. Good news always brings JOY!
 2. All the people – Gk. word, the laity, this speaks of Israel; Jewish shepherds, city of David
 3. Good news goes out, it cannot be contained! **Lk2:29-32; Is49:6; Acts1:8*

2. The Gift of Christmas (vs.11-12)

- A. The Savior – _____ the Lord (*vs.11*) – *key of whole passage from vs.1-20*
1. Savior – what does He save us from? **bad self-esteem, bad job, no self-fulfillment???*
**OT – refers to God as Savior over 100x; also Lk1 – Mary and Zachariah...*
**Matt1:18-25 – He will save us from our SINS! (1Cor15:1-3); Yeshua – Yahweh saves!*
**Why is that important? _____ Heb9:27!*
**He came to rescue us from _____ *Eph2:1-5!*
 2. Christ – means Messiah, the Anointed One – kings are anointed, remember Saul and David, were anointed by Samuel ... *Dan9:25,26; Lk1:68,69 – ***Messiah the King – Rev19:11-16!!!*
**High Priests and Prophets were also anointed – Heb5:5-6*
 3. The Lord – divine title, Gk. name for God in OT – Yahweh; **Jn8:58; *Rm10:9-10,13; Is9:6*
**Kurios – means supreme power, authority, sovereignty with legitimacy, validly, lawfully*
**Gk. Old Testament uses kurios 6,156x for Lord – meaning God Jehovah, Yahweh*
- B. The Savior has come for _____! (*vs.12*)
1. You will find Him lying in a feeding trough! **John1:14!!!*
 2. He didn't come for the elite and powerful; He was the friends of tax collectors and sinners!
**Luke5:31,32; 1Cor1:18-31 – He came for YOU personally! Must be Your personal Savior and Lord!*
 3. There is ONLY ONE Savior from our sins and God's judgment! ****Acts4:12!!!*

3. The Response to the Gift (vs.13-15)

- A. Heaven _____! The sky fills with angels all praising God!
1. multitude; Rev speaks of Gk. murion x murion and thousands of thousands; highest number in Gk. language; they are before these lowly shepherds!
 2. Glory to God and peace between God and man upon whom His favor rests – the Savior will save! **Lk15:7,10, 32*
- B. The shepherds _____ on God's Word
1. The shepherds don't just believe what has been told them, they ACT/RESPOND!
 2. How will you respond to God's Good News for you?! _____
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