Noel Carols: Part 3 December 15, 2019 | Pastor Bryan

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

1. FIRSTS OFTEN BRING FEAR.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. (Luke 2:8-10, NIV)

2. THE FIRST CHRISTMAS BROUGHT GOOD NEWS FROM GOD.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:13-14, NIV)

3. THE FIRST CHRISTMAS BROUGHT <u>PEACE</u> WITH GOD.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18, NIV)

4. THE FIRST CHRISTMAS REPLACED OUR FEAR OF GOD WITH THE LOVE OF GOD.

ACTION STEPS: Invite