

Luke 2:1-20 NIV

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. **8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause *great joy* for all the people.**11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

The Good News

God loves me

But my sin wrecked me

So Jesus died

To take sin from me

He rose again to set me free

And now I live for eternity

John 12:46 The Passion Translation

46 I have come as a light to shine in this dark world so that all who trust in me will *no longer wander in darkness*.

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Great joy

Psalm 5:11 NLT

11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them sing joyful praises forever.

**Spread your protection over them,
that all who love your name may be filled with joy.**

Proverbs 17:22a The Passion

“A joyful, cheerful heart brings healing to both body and soul.

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13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**

Perfect Peace

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

**6 Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.
Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.**

7 *Then* you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Love

Ephesians 3:18-19 NLT

18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Romans 8:38-39 NIV

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in

**all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**