

Heaven's Answer to Our Reality: A Simple Christmas Is About Seeing & Knowing

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Bible Passage: Luke 2:8-20

Big Idea: A simple Christmas is about God coming to make Himself seen and _____ in Jesus.

#1- To experience a simple Christmas, realize the epic nature of the nativity (Luke 2:8-9)

- Their first response was _____ – *phobos*; intimidation, severe distress
- The shepherds were ordinary folks doing ordinary things BUT they came to understand they were a part of something out of the ordinary.
- God's message to the shepherds communicates to us: God meets us _____ we are.

#2- To experience a simple Christmas, recognize the _____ of the good news of the nativity (Luke 2:10-11)

- **It is great because it was...**
 - ...delivered by heavenly messengers backed by heavenly anticipation
 - ...a _____ message
 - ...victorious proclamation (good news) of ultimate delight (great joy comes through the Messiah)
 - ...for every nation, race, culture, tribe & tongue (The good news of great joy was about a _____)
- **The angels announced the baby as a:**
 - SAVIOR: the "_____" or "Deliverer"
 - CHRIST: "God's Anointed One"
 - LORD: affirms Jesus' deity and _____ OVER EVERY POWER

#3- To experience a simple Christmas, you must personalize through faith the good news found in the nativity (15-20)

- **The shepherds experienced the good news:**
 - They were _____ by the news (15)
 - Their inquiry resulted in _____ (16)
 - They _____ Him (17-19)
 - They _____ Him (20)

Truth Into Action:

- Though fear may be present in your life, **avoid letting fear rob you of the PRESENCE of Jesus this Christmas.**
- **Jesus wants to be your SAVIOR, CHRIST & LORD**
 - Let Jesus save you from _____?_____.
 - Let Jesus be your fulfilled promise in "the hard" of life's broken promises.
 - Declare "Jesus you are MY LORD" (owner of your life).

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Read Luke 2:8-20

Warm Up: What is the most unique birth announcement you've ever seen?

Read Luke 2:8-9 and then discuss the following.

- In the sermon it was suggested that there is an “under-current of fear” in our lives, which affects our relationship with God and other people. Before going further, would you say that this premise is true of your life—either in the past or present?
- Ponder this: Fear results from the lie of Satan, believed by Adam and Eve in the very first sin, and perpetuated in all of our hearts. The lie says that we cannot trust God, and thus we have to be our own masters. That lie—and the resultant sin of taking control of our own lives—has produced hostility between people and God, and hostility in human relationships. Looking at your own story, would you say that this observation has been true in your life?

Read Luke 2:10-14 and then discuss the following.

- If we grasp the good news in this angelic announcement, it can replace our great fear with great joy. How does this transformation happen in our hearts and minds?
- How does “peace to those on whom his favor rests” (v. 14) relate to our becoming joyful instead of fearful?
- What keeps you from believing that God’s favor rests on you, and from receiving his peace?

Read Luke 2:15-20 and then discuss the following.

- Based on these verses, what effect did the angel’s message have on the shepherds?
- What caused the reaction that we see in vv. 17-18?
- Do you find yourself eager to share with others the good news that has freed you? Why or why not?
- In what ways can you renew your enthusiasm for the message of Jesus’ birth?

Closing Prayer: Thank you for the detailed record of Jesus’ birth. Hook my heart, like you hooked the soul of the shepherds and fill me with the great joy of Jesus coming and make us bold to share the good news of the LORD JESUS CHRIST with others.