

# The Message of Joy

Mike Towner



Published December 11, 2016

---

**Our Purpose:** To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

## He came so you could step into the light unafraid!

*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 fear.*

—Luke 2:8-9 (ESV)

*And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”*

—Isaiah 6:5 (ESV)

## The Light of Christmas reveals:

### 1. Fear of Exposure

*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.*

—Luke 2:10 (ESV)

### 2. A Message of Joy

### 3. God’s Personal Pursuit of You

*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 2:11-12 (ESV)

*But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.*

—Matthew 10:30 (ESV)

*O LORD, you have searched me and known me! For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.*

—Psalm 139:1,13 (ESV)

*And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

—John 17:3 (ESV)

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

—John 3:17 (ESV)

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

—Romans 3:23 (ESV)

*For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

—2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

*And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.*

—Luke 2:16 (ESV)