

SERMON

DATE: Saturday/Sunday, December 22-23, 2018

SERIES TITLE: THE TRUTHS OF CHRISTMAS

SERMON TITLE: A Message of Good News and Great Joy

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-10

[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.

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Title: A Message of Good News and Great Joy

1. The Message is For Everyone.

- Two truths about God:
 - ~ God is sovereign.
 - ~ God is loving and kind.
- *2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance*

2. The Message is from The Lord.

- God reveals Himself and reveals truth.
- Angel = messenger
- Glory = weighty, significant
- Fear = awe, reverence

3. The Message is the Best News.

- Don't be afraid.
 - ~ Don't be afraid to be obedient and expectant.
- It's good news
- It's filled with joy.
 - ~ I'm not giving up the word "Party".

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Our times of worship, our Christmas Eve services, and especially Christmas day make this a wonderful and blessed weekend and week.

I pray that you may have a wonderful time of worship, rest, and joyful activities with your family.

I pray also that this will be a time of genuine reflection where you will have opportunity to give thanks to God and glorify His name. After all, what God did for us is beyond priceless. By giving His Son, God did for us what we could not do for ourselves. His coming into the world has brought love, joy, and peace into our hearts.

Let us now continue on in the process of bringing that love, joy, and peace to the remainder of the world.

When we think of what God did for us in Christ, no wonder the Angels sang!

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom his pleased!'"