

## THE ANGELIC CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

### Luke 2:7-20

**Introduction:** There have been a lot of books, songs, sermons, etc., written about Christmas but long before the Christmas story is the story of the creation of this earth and its inhabitants and it was not by accident that all this happened. Science says that there are millions of planet systems and the earth is among them like a grain of sand on a beach. However, the Bible says that the sun and moon were made purposefully to give light to this earth and that God saw fit to put two people made in His likeness on this earth to get the human race started. The Bible also says that the saving and keeping of the human race is the greatest thing in heaven and earth and in God's time, God would send someone special to put Satan in his deserved place and to lift mankind out of its sinful condition. No wonder the angels joined in the rejoicing when the announcement was made to the shepherds that "Christmas" night.

### I. A THREEFOLD BLESSING FOR THE SHEPHERDS

- Was Caesar Augustus aware? What was he doing?
  - In Jerusalem where King Herod was, what was he doing? What about the palace and the High Priest
  - Where were they when the angels came to the shepherds that night?
1. Christ came to the poor and lowly.
    - Why shepherds? The Messiah was to be approachable by all: the rich, influential, intelligent, the young, old, sinners, the righteous.
    - Christ is approachable, accessible today by all, BUT do all approach Him?
  2. The good news was announced to those who would believe.
    - The shepherds did not argue or debate or question the angelic news. They BELIEVED!
    - If God were to work a miracle HERE in our town, WHO would know of it, who would believe it?
    - Miracles are for believers.
    - Good news is good news ONLY if it is believed.
    - CHRISTMAS IS FOR BELIEVERS!!!!
      - What can Christmas possible mean to unbelievers?
  3. The shepherds spread the good news.
    - It was no chance or luck that brought the angel to someone who would pass on the good news.
    - There is something terribly wrong when people don't pass on good news intended for everyone.
    - The Christian duty is to GO TELL!
      - Of the 10 lepers Jesus healed, only ONE came back.
      - Jesus also healed an adulterous woman, a cripple, a blind man, spoke to a woman at a well about her past, etc.....they all hurried off to tell their good news.
      - It is a blessing to share good news.
    - Let this Christmas season be a time of sharing the good news.

## II. THE SHEPHERDS SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

1. The message was to all the people.
  - **John 3:16** - God loves the entire, complete, whole world, the human race.
  - The great commission is to all the world.
2. The message was - A savior for ALL people had come.
  - Jesus did a lot of things while here, but He came to seek and to save ALL that were lost.
  - The rich, the poor, everyone needs changing which only Jesus can do.
3. The message was - The child/savior was God incarnate.
  - God in human form!
  - All the centuries of prophecy climaxed and brought to pass that very night!

## CONCLUSION:

1. What is Christmas with Christ?
2. God has visited us - isn't that GOOD news?
3. Because of this Christmas gift from God, all people can have eternal life who want it.
4. Now, what will you do with this angelic message? The real, the true Christmas Story?