

## THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

# **THE JOY OF A SAVIOR**

Luke 2:8-20

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**Why is the announcement of a Savior good news of a great joy?**

### **1. Everyone needs a Savior.**

*... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23*

#### **A. Everyone is helplessly lost.**

*"Although you wash yourself with lye And use much soap, The stain of your iniquity is before Me," declares the Lord GOD.*

*Jeremiah 2:22*

#### **B. Everyone is hopelessly lost.**

*And when the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?" And looking upon them Jesus said to them, "With men this is impossible .... Matthew 19:25-26*

### **2. The Savior has come for everyone.**

*"Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11*

#### **A. The Savior is Christ the Lord.**

*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh .... 1 Timothy 3:16 KJV*

*"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified." Acts 2:36*

#### **B. The Savior really does love you.**

*... who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.*

*Galatians 2:20*

*... and He Himself is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. 1 John 2:2*

### **3. The Savior will save everyone who will repent and believe.**

*For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him; for "WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." Romans 10:12-13*

*And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. Luke 2:15-20*

A. His salvation wipes away your guilt and shame.

*"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19*

B. His salvation brings joy, peace, and purpose.

C. His salvation will take you all the way to glory.

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. Philippians 3:19-20*

**How have YOU responded with the good news of the Savior?**