

# Good News Of Great Joy

Luke 2:8-20

Key Verses: 2:10 & 11

**“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.’”**

1. Who first received the good news that causes great joy (8)? What was their situation before receiving this good news? How does appearing to shepherds show the good news is for “all the people” (10)?
2. Describe the appearance of the angel (9) and the shepherds’ response. How did the angel comfort the shepherds (10)? What makes people fearful to hear the good news, and how can we overcome so that we can accept it?
3. Read verses 10 & 11. Why is the Savior’s birth good news of great joy? What do we need saving from (Gen 2:17; 3:23,15,7)? How does the Savior Jesus save us from sins and restore paradise (Lk 5:20; 23:43)? How does Jesus save us from Satan and heal us (Lk 1:69; 1Pe 2:24)? How does Jesus destroy the power of death (1Co 15:54-57)? What other reasons can you think of why the Savior’s birth is good news of great joy for all people?
4. Read verse 11 again. Why is the birth of “the Messiah, the Lord” good news (Ps 23:1)? Why must Jesus be our one and only Lord (Mt 6:24; 1Jn 2:15-17)? What kind of relationship does the Lord Jesus want with each person (1Jn 4:10)?
5. Read verses 12-20. Who joined the angel and what was their song? Why is Jesus’ birth glory to God and peace to people? How did the shepherds respond to the message and what was the result? How should we respond to the angel’s message this Christmas?