

Joy to The World / Joy of Christmas

Luke 2:8-14

Introduction:

Joy – is a positive state of contentment, confidence and hope of the mind and heart that rises above circumstances and focuses on the very character of God. It is the fruit of a righteous relationship with God. It is not something people can create by their own efforts.

"It is through the birth, life, and death of Christ the world came to know:"

- Unconditional Love
- Salvation
- Forgiveness of Sins
- Eternal Life
- Peace with God
- The Peace of God
- Reconciliation with God
- And Joy...

I. Why Shepherds? vs.8

- a. They were not sleeping, but abiding in the fields and watching
- b. They were found doing the business of their calling - Shepherding
- c. They were providing loving protection for their flock John 10:11

II. Glory in the Mist of Darkness vs.9

- a. The Angel appeared and then the Glory of the Lord
- b. It wasn't the Angel's glory, but God's
- c. Jesus is the Light of World **John 8:12**

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III. Joy To The World vs.10

- a. Believers in Christ Don't have to Be Afraid
- b. This is Good News **John 1:14**
- c. Great Joy for All who would believe

IV. A Savior Is Born vs.11

- a. The Theology of the Angels message
 - i. He is the Savior - His name Jesus Matt 1:21
 - ii. He is the Christ - the Anointed of God
 - iii. He is the Lord - God manifested in the flesh Phil 2:6

V. This Will Be A Sign To You vs.12

- a. The Angel told the shepherds this will be a sign - a way to confirm their faith
- b. Jesus didn't come the way the Jews were expecting Him to come (earthly Kingdom)
- c. No Beauty or Majesty - A Root out of dry ground **Isa 53:2**

VI. Heavens Pent-Up Ecstasy vss.13-14

- a. A single angel announced Jesus' birth
- b. Heaven couldn't hold its peace
- c. All the angels worship Him Heb 1:6
- d. Peace with God came through Jesus' atoning blood Eph 1:7

We must remember this Joy that we have the World didn't give it to us and the World can't take it away!