



“Advent: The Coming of A Savior ”

Luke 2:8-20

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III. A Night That Changed the World! (Luke 2:8-20)

A. Salvation begins with hearing. (v.8-14)

1. An angel sent by the Lord appeared to them to announce Good News: A Savior, who is Christ the Lord had been born in Bethlehem.
2. Why did God make this announcement to these shepherds?
 - a. It is a picture of God’s grace.
 - b. God is not impressed by outward appearances.
 - c. God looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:9)
 - d. God, in His wisdom, determined before creation to give faith to the lowly, poor, humble and contrite. (Jas 2:5; I Cor 1:27-28)
3. The Greek word that is used in verse 10 for this phrase, I bring you Good News, is euangelizō.
 - a. From this word we get the word Gospel.
 - b. The word gospel simply means ‘Good News.’
4. All throughout the OT, God had promised to send a Savior to rescue us. (Gen 3:15)
5. It was prophesied that this Savior would be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)
6. Not only did the angel announce Good News, but he also gave them a sign to look for.

- a. God does not expect us to have blind faith. He gives us signs, evidences of His presence and of the truth of His word.
 - 1). God has revealed Himself to us in creation.
 - 2). God has revealed Himself to us even in our minds. (Romans 2:15)
 - 3). God has revealed Himself to us in His Word.
 - 4). God has revealed Himself to us through His Son.

7. Do you want to have peace with God?

- a. Understand this truth: we were all born enemies of God and under His wrath.
- b. God has provided a way for us to have peace with Him. (Rom 5:1)
- c. Jesus came into the world to offer peace with God. (Romans 10:17)

B. Salvation comes by faith. You must believe! (v.15-16)

1. Faith is always accompanied by obedience.
2. How salvation unfolds: You hear the truth from God’s Word, and then you respond by faith through obedience. And as you respond, God provides you with more truth—more evidence.
3. Faith precedes understanding. (I Cor 2:14; Eph 1:13; II Cor 3:15)

C. Salvation results in a changed life. (v.17-20)

1. What changes took place in the shepherds?
 - a. They began to share the gospel with others.
 - b. They returned to their flocks glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.
 - c. They were changed men. (II Cor 5:17)