

Why is Christmas "Good News?"

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Good News And Great Joy, Pt. 1
Luke 2:8-12; Romans 3:9b-24
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Our World Is FILLED WITH BAD NEWS

Luke 2:8, *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

Romans 3:9, *...For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. 10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; 11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."*

We DON'T DESERVE The Good News

Luke 2:9, *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*

Romans 3:13, *"Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." 14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 ruin and misery mark their ways, 1 and the way of peace they do not know." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."*

Romans 3:19, *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. 20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.*

But GOD STILL DELIVERS The Good News

Luke 2:10, *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

Romans 3:21, *But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.*

This Good News Is AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE

Luke 2:10, *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.*

Romans 3:22, *This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*