

*The  
Message  
Of  
Christmas*

## **Luke 2:8-20**

**8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.**

**9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.**

**10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.**

**11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

**12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

## **Luke 2:8-20 - continued**

**13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,**

**14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.**

**16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.**

**17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.**

## **Luke 2:8-20 - continued**

**18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.**

**19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.**

**20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them**

# Introduction

**A. A message of good news is refreshing**

**Proverbs 25:25**

**As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.**

**B. A message of good news is revealing**

**Luke 2:35**

**(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.**

**C. God's message of Christmas should be renewing**

# **I. A Message Of Hope**

## **A. Hope for the present (2:11)**

### **1. Bigger than our darkness**

**Isaiah 9:2**

**The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.**

### **2. Bigger than our disillusionments**

**Psalm 39:6-7**

**6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.**

**7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.**

# **I. A Message Of Hope**

## **B. Hope in God's promise**

### **1. A Timeless hope**

**Titus 1:2**

**In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.**

### **2. A Tantalizing hope**

**1 Peter 1:3**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**

# **I. A Message Of Hope**

## **B. Hope in God's promise - continued**

### **3. Total hope**

#### **Romans 15:13**

**Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**



# **I. A Message Of Hope**

## **C. Hope for the future**

### **1. A destination**

**John 14:2-3**

**2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

**3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

# **I. A Message Of Hope**

## **C. Hope for the future - continued**

### **2. A deliverance**

#### **Revelation 21:4**

**And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**

### **3. A determination**

#### **Romans 8:18**

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## **II. A Message Of Harmony**

### **A. Peace between God and man (2:14)**

#### **1. Reconciled**

**Romans 5:1**

**Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **2. Related**

**Ephesians 2:14**

**For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.**

## **II. A Message Of Harmony**

### **B. Peace in the heart of believers**

#### **1. That you can get no where else**

**John 14:27**

**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

#### **2. That is like nothing else**

**Philippians 4:7**

**And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

## **II. A Message Of Harmony**

**B. Peace in the heart of believers - continued**

**3. That leads like nothing else**

**Colossians 3:15**

**And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**

## **II. A Message Of Harmony**

### **C. Peace for the world (2:14)**

#### **1. What God wants**

##### **Isaiah 9:7**

**Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.**

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#### **2. What God will do**

#### **Micah 4:3**

**And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**



### **III. A Message Of Help**

#### **A. Salvation through Jesus Christ (2:11)**

##### **1. His person**

**Matthew 1:21**

**And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**

##### **2. His passion**

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

## **III. A Message Of Help**

### **A. Salvation through Jesus Christ (2:11) - continued**

#### **3. His plea**

**Luke 19:10**

**For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

### **III. A Message Of Help**

**B. Salvation is a free gift**

**1. That is needed**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **III. A Message Of Help**

#### **B. Salvation is a free gift - continued**

##### **2. Offered but not owed**

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

#### **Titus 3:5**

**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.**

## **III. A Message Of Help**

**C. Salvation is available to all**

**1. God's will**

**1 Timothy 2:4**

**Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

**2. God's Word**

**Revelation 22:17**

**And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

## **III. A Message Of Help**

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**3. God's work**

**Romans 10:13**

**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**Do Not Let The Message  
Be Lost On You**