

The Miracle Of Good News - To Give Joy to all People.

Luke 2:8-14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ...

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Isa. 9:3

They rejoice before you...(ESV)

They will be glad in Your presence (NASB)

What is the Good news that can bring joy to all people?

I bring you good news of great joy.

Lk. 2:10

1. The Savior has come!

. Our great need

You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people His from their sins. Matt. 1:21
Me a Sinner?

. put down?

. derogatory?

- . outdated?
- . harsh?

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:23

Hear of a forest fire...
How bad is it?
Think of # of acres burned
of buildings lost
of people hurt or killed

Sin in the world...
How bad is it?
All have sinned.
All are lost.
All – every nation, every generation, every family, every person...
TOTAL LOSS!

Save us, O Lord our God...
Ps. 106:47

“Hosanna” –
either a prayer – “Lord, save us!” or
a statement – “Lord, you have saved us!”

. He came to save!

. Because of His great love.

Save me according to your steadfast love. Ps. 109:26

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us... Titus 3:4

. Because He alone is able to save.
“mighty to save.” Isa. 63:1

There is no other god besides Me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides Me. Isa 45:21

Salvation?
Ancient Romans – Be strong!
Islam – Be submissive to Allah and obey!
Judaism – Be good!
Buddhism – Be at peace within yourself!

Secularism – Be smart!
Humanism – Be yourself!

“All religions are the same: religion is basically guilt with different holidays.”
Comedian Cathy Ladman

“One day we will be able to say that we healed ourselves, and by healing ourselves, we healed the world.”
Yoko Ono

2. The Christ has come!

A Savior who is Christ the Lord.
Lk. 2:11

CHRIST = “Anointed One”
Three groups or people who were “anointed” in the O.T.
. Prophets – Judge
. Priests – Lawgiver
. Kings – Ruler

“For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our lawgiver; the Lord is our King; He will save us.” Isa. 32:22

Christ as “Prophet”

The Lord has anointed Me to bring good news... Isa. 61:1

I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ) when He comes, He will tell us all things. Jn. 4:25

Christ as “Priest”

“The sufferings of Christ.”
1 Pet. 1:11

... with the precious blood of Christ like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.
1 Pet. 1:19

Christ as “King”

... the anointed one, a prince...
Dan. 9:25

Behold, your King is coming to you.
Zech. 9:9

... born King of the Jews.
Matt. 2:2

3. The Lord has come!

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Jesus is called "LORD"
747 times in the N.T.

Eng. Word – "Lord" used in the Bible for

- One Aramaic word
- Three Greek words
- Nine Hebrew words

It is used for God, angels, human masters and those in authority.

"LORD" – capital letters in the Eng. Bible

- . Sacred Name for God in Hebrew has no vowels
- . Combined the vowels of "Adonai" with the sacred name consonants.

Result – "Yahweh or Jehovah"

- . Eng. Bible uses "LORD" to describe the sacred name of God.

The one and only God –

supreme ruler of the universe has come

- . "Immanuel" = God with us (Matt. 1:23)
- . "Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Isa.9:6)
- . King of Kings and Lord of lords. (Rev. 19:16)

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.
Phil. 2:9-11

Joy is the echo of God's life within us, the result of Jesus Christ the LORD!