

The Joy of Christmas
Celebration: The Wonderful Witnesses of Christmas

Luke 2:8-38

Sunday, **December 25**, 2022

Have you invited anyone to join you lately?

Who's Your One? (praying, seeking, sharing, inviting)

Give an ***invite card*** - cards & tracts are in the foyer.

Materialism – *Us?*

I. Celebrate God's witness of _____ news (Luke 2:8-14).

First, "*Fear not.*"

Christmas is the witness of God – God initiating, God revealing.

The witness of what? (Savior, Christ, the Lord)

II. Celebrate God's witness of _____ salvation (Luke 2:9-20).

Why these guys? (lots of reasons)

Prosperity theology back then?

III. Celebrate God's witness of humble _____ (Luke 2:21-24).

Note the character of these whom God chose...

Carefully "handle" grace...

IV. Celebrate God's witness of _____ truth (Luke 2:25-35).

Listen to rather than look at Simeon!

- A blessing to God (*and us!*):

- A blessing (of hard truth) to the little family:

V. Celebrate God's witness of powerful _____ (Luke 2:36-38).

The perseverance of the saints...

Look at rather than listen for Anna!

"Bitter, party of one?" (*Not here!*)

Review:

Divine revelation –

Opportunity to investigate –

Obedience with grace –

Bitter yet sweet –

Devotion regardless –

Never leaving the temple...

Which witness is God calling you to embrace?

1. If this is your first worship experience at HHBC, let us know and tell us how we can pray for you or answer any questions. Send us a message on Facebook or e-mail at info@hhbc.org.
2. How much do you know about the Gospel? Do you have questions about Christianity or your own spiritual condition? If so, please e-mail or call Pastor Gene this week (cell: 864.616.5899 or gene@hhbc.org).
3. **Merry Christmas** from the Hampton Heights family of faith!