

Unto Us Part 5
Luke 2:8-20

The Title Of The Message: “The Shepherds Christmas Story”

The Key Word: Sign

The Thought: The Christmas message is for all, rich and poor alike, it is the glorious good news for everyone.

The Breakdown:

Verses 8-10 Good News For The Humble...

Verses 11-14 A Glorious Sign...

Verses 15-20 Believing And Then Seeing...

Verses 8-10 Good News For The Humble...

Luke 2:8

Now there were in the same country shepherds...

Living out in the fields...

Keeping watch over their flock by night...

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Shepherds are to bring in the light...

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Shepherds are to shine the light on darkness...

Ephesians 5:13 (NKJV) But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Shepherds are to encourage the sheep to live in the light and be lights themselves...

John 8:12 (NKJV) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Ephesians 5:8 (NKJV) For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Luke 2:9

And behold, an angel of the Lord...

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NKJV). 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Matthew 9:13 (NKJV) But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

The glory of the Lord shone around them...

Luke 2:10

Then the angel said to them...

I bring you good tidings of great joy...

Revelation 2:1, 8, 12, 18, 3:1, 7, 14, (NKJV) “To the angel of the church...

Verses 11-14 A Glorious Sign...

Luke 2:11

For there is born to you this day...

A Savior, who is Christ the Lord...

Romans 5:15 (NKJV) But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

Isaiah 61:10 (NKJV) I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Luke 2:12

And this will be the sign to you...

John 16:13 (NKJV) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel...

1 Peter 1:12 (NKJV) To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

Glory to God in the highest...

1 John 2:2 (NKJV) And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 John 4:10 (NKJV) In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

John 6:40 (NKJV) And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Verses 15-20 Believing And Then Seeing...

Luke 2:15

So it was, when the angels had gone...

2 Corinthians 11:14–15 (NKJV) 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

John 4:42 (NKJV) Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

1 John 4:1 (NKJV) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Luke 2:16-17

And they came with haste...

Proverbs 8:17 (NKJV) I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

Now when they had seen Him...

Luke 2:18-20

And all those who heard it marveled...

Then the shepherds returned...

Application:

- 1. No matter where you are in life, Christmas brings the good news of salvation.**
- 2. Like the angels we have been given the privilege of sharing the good news of Christmas, when was the last time you did that?**
- 3. The shepherds become our example, of not just believing but of testing the message.**