

CHRISTMAS *Joy*

Announcing Joy

Luke 2:8-14

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Luke 2:8-14 *That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."*

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."*

God Used:

1. Shepherds: **To show** _____ **to God**

Application: You _____

2. **Strips of cloth: We are born for a purpose**

Acts 13:36 *For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers.*

Application: You have a _____

3. **A manger: Because Jesus goes** _____ **He's given** _____

Colossians 1:15-20 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

Revelation 3:20 *"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."*

Bottom Line: I need to give Jesus _____ in my _____

The shepherds went back to their ordinary jobs with _____ !