

Luke 2:8

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Jesus Christ, the 'Messiah', has come to earth to save those who are lost and to fulfill God's greatest promise.

Scripture: Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 1:21, Matthew 11:28, Luke 2:10-11, John 3:16, John 14:6, Romans 3:23, Philippians 4:7

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Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the significance of the angel's message in Luke 2:8, proclaiming the birth of a Savior who fulfills humanity's greatest need for peace and joy. He explains that while many seek these qualities, they cannot be found through direct pursuit but through a relationship with God. Smith highlights that Jesus came not just as a good example but as the Savior who seeks and saves the lost, fulfilling God's promise of the Messiah. He encourages listeners to trust in Christ as their Lord, who guides them on the right path of life, contrasting various philosophies that fail to provide true fulfillment. Ultimately, peace on earth is only attainable when Christ is acknowledged as Lord.

Transcript

"GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY"

Intro: It is my opinion this angel was Gabriel.

I. SAVIOR; TO FULFILL MAN'S GREATEST NEED.

A. Man was lost from God.

1. Many were searching for peace and joy.

a. These are by-products of finding God.

b. They cannot be discovered to their fullest by direct pursuit.

2. The path to God had been clouded by man who also placed many obstacles on the road.

a. They stood there in their holy robes and professing superior

knowledge, led men astray.

1. One would cry, "This is the way to peace."
2. Another would cry, "He is wrong, this is the way."
3. So they would strive over the right way to peace.
3. God saw the plight of the poor common man and love him.
 - a. So He sent His Son as a poor common man to teach him, and guide him to God.

B. Man needed saving.

1. He could not save himself.
 - a. Many teachers had pointed to man the path of goodness.
 - b. This was only frustrating, because no power was given to walk it.
 - c. Even the best men fell short of God's requirements.
2. Jesus did not come to be a good example.
 - a. Man needed more than an example.
 - b. If you are sinking in quicksand, you don't need an example of how to sit in public.
3. He came to seek and to save-those who were lost.

II. "CHRIST": TO FULFILL GOD'S GREATEST PROMISE.

A. Throughout Old Testament God had promised to send the "Messiah" which in Greek is "Christ."

1. The Jews were prnyitig, hoping, waiting.
 - a. How excited the shepherds must have been when the angel said "Messiah."
2. God had promised that a virgin would conceive and bear a Son who would be born in Bethlehem. He would be known as "God with us" for He existed from the beginning. He would be despised and rejected, cut off and crucified yet He shall rule over the world in righteousness and peace.

3. From Moses to Malachi, God spoke of this hope for Israel.

4. The time has now arrived for God to keep His Word.

a. Some no longer believed it they had waited so long.

b. Conditions were so bad others also had given up.

c. Yet God kept His word.

5. "For unto you is born this day a savior, Messiah, Lord."

II. "LORD" ONE YOU CAN TRUST TO GUIDE YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH OF LIFE.

A. Every man has a lord.

1. Every man is ruled by some one, or something, a philosophy or ideal which becomes the basis and criteria for his decisions and actions.

a. Some have low ideals others high ideals.

b. Each man governed by some master passion.

2. For a time the Greeks felt that pleasure was the chief good of man.

a. The rightness of an action measured by the amount of pleasure it brought to you.

3. The Romans came along with their legions and bludgeoned the world into submission. and the concept developed "might is right."

4. Still others maintained to know and understand is the greatest good.

a. Those who walked down the path to knowledge much further than I cried back, "with much knowledge is much grief."

b. Those who experienced the greatest pleasures cried, "pleasure is madness."

c. Those who possessed empires cried, "It's empty."

5. How can I know the right path?

B. Submit your life to me.

1. "Come unto Me, I will give you peace."

2. Peace on earth only found when Christ becomes Lord.

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