SHEPHERDS – GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

The Characters of the Christmas Story

Luke 2:8–9

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 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.

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¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

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¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

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¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

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20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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that will be for all the people.

"to tell the good news"

"great joy" - great happiness and pleasure.

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Luke 2:10 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.

Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, **from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages...**

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Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Savior**, who is **Christ** the **Lord**.

Savior – someone who rescues someone from danger.

The one who rescues us from our sin. (Rom 3:23, 6:23)

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Christ – The Messiah, God's Anointed (or chosen) one.

He was chosen before the foundation of the world *(1 Peter 1:18-20)*

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Lord – the one who commands, or exercises authority...

Jesus – "Lord at thy birth"

Who exercises authority in your life? Is Christ reigning?

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Luke 2:16–18 ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

The Angels and The Shepherds share the good news!

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