

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2022

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***Why is this Christmas Eve message worth listening to this evening?**

***How does the Christ of Christmas speak to this need?**

Overview (Luke 2:1-20):

Two Take-aways:

1. God will interrupt life to invite you into relationship. (Luke 2:8-12)

*And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring **you** good news of great joy which will be for **all people**; for today in the city of David there has been **born for you a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:9-10)*

Brokenness (Genesis 1-3; Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:9-10; Luke 1:77-79)

Reconciliation (1 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Invitation (John 14:6; Matthew 11:28-30; John 6:44-47)

2. Unexpected joy accompanies a relationship with Jesus. (10-20)

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of **great joy** which will be for all people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."*

Turn and Trust (Luke 2:15-16; Acts 3:19-21; 4:12; 2:27-38)

Share (Luke 2:17-18; 2 Corinthians 4:13, 5:18-20)

Praise and Joy (Luke 2:19-20; Acts 2:46-47; Galatians 5:22-23)

***Where might this intersect your life this Christmas Eve?**

***What might coming to a genuine relationship with Jesus do for you?**