



Sermon Title: "Abiding Joy"

Scripture: Luke 2

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I. GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

1) This "good news of great joy" is NOT for a special class of people but for all the peoples!

Luke 2:10; Luke 2:8-9; Luke 4:18-19

2) This "good news of great joy" is rooted in and grows out of the divine Lord Himself.

Luke 1:9, 16, 28, 30, 32; Luke 2:9, 11, 26; John 1:1; Luke 24:50-53

3) This "good news of great joy" is not theory or "make believe" but rooted in fact, in history!

Luke 2:1-3; Luke 3:1-2

4) This "good news of great joy" magnifies the work of the all-sovereign King!

Luke 1:26-27; Luke 8:25; Luke 4:41; Luke 22:31-32

5) This "good news of great joy" results in maximum joy for us and maximum glory for God!

Luke 2:10-12; Luke 2:13-14; Luke 12:29-32

Note: This army of worshiping angels didn't appear for God's benefit BUT FOR OURS!!!

6) This "good news of great joy" has an extremely obvious, not-so-subtle application!

Luke 2:15-20

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What things threaten your joy in Christ? What usually causes you worry and anxiety?
2. How can/should the power, love, and sovereignty of Jesus cultivate joy in our lives? What can we say about our problems and trials, in light of who Jesus is?
3. Why is it so significant that the angel calls Jesus "Christ THE LORD"?
4. Why do the angels proclaim "Glory to God..." instead of "Glory to man..."? Why is this good news?
5. How did the shepherds respond to the truth they received? How should YOU respond?