

Responding to His Coming - Glorify Him

Luke 2:8-21 KJV And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (9) And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. (10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, ***I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*** (11) For ***unto you is born this day*** in the city of David ***a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*** (12) And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. (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, good will toward men.***

They were given a message of Good Tidings

- **It is to all people (vs 10)**
- **Unto YOU is born this day (vs 11)**
- **On earth - peace and goodwill (His Desire) TOWARD MEN (vs 14)**

He came FOR US

Hebrews 2:16-17 ESV For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. (17) Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Isa 53:10-11 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Heb 12:2 ESV looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Unto You is Born this day - a Savior, Christ the Lord

- We needed JESUS a Saviour
- We needed MESSIAH (Christ)
- We needed the LORD (God with us - Immanuel)

The Shepherds Glorified God

Luke 2:20 And the shepherds returned, ***glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen,*** as it was told unto them. (21) And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

He Has done so much for us - Can't we glorify Him

What does it mean to glorify God

- To honor Him through what we say, what we do, how we think.
- To cause to be or treat as being more splendid, excellent, etc., than would normally be considered.
- To honor with praise, admiration, or worship; extol.

John Piper Definition:

“Glorifying” means feeling and thinking and acting in ways that reflect his greatness, that make much of God, that give evidence of the supreme greatness of all his attributes and the all-satisfying beauty of his manifold perfections.

How do we Glorify the LORD?

Let Jesus live through you

Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- The light is the life of Jesus in me - to love our enemy - to Live Life Jesus' way
- Good works don't save us, but they are prepared in advance for us (Eph 2:10)
- Gal 2:20 ESV I have been crucified with Christ. ***It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.*** And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Praise Him for what He has done --- Luke 17:17-18 KJV And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? (18) There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

Consider him FAITHFUL and TRUE --- Romans 4:18-21 KJV Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. (19) And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: (20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, **giving glory to God;** (21) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

Don't use what is His to engage in sin --- 1 Corinthians 6:15-20 KJV (15) Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. (16) What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. (17) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. (18) Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. (19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (20) For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

When we pray He answers and the Father is glorified --- John 14:13-15 KJV And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. (15) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

By being fruitful --- John 15:5-8 KJV I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (8) Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

By using my spiritual gifts --- 1 Peter 4:7-11 KJV But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. (8) And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. (9) Use hospitality one to another without grudging. (10) As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (11) If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

By finishing the work He gave us to do --- Joh 17:4-5 KJV I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

In All We Do --- 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God