

Christmas 2019 - Good News of Great Joy for All People

I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy for All People

Luk 2:8-14 ESV 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. 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**.

This is the good news...but it's more than a birth announcement

The Good News is tied up with the birth of this child

It is an announcement about the purpose of God carried out by this child

It is an announcement regarding the fulfillment of prophecies spoken hundreds of years ago

- **In the City of David** - they were expecting a King to sit on David's throne
- **A Savior** - Mat 1:21-23 ESV She will bear a son, and you shall **call his name Jesus**, *for he will save his people from their sins.*"
- **The Christ** -He is the long awaited Messiah -To deliver, heal & set free - **the Anointed One**
 - Luk 4:18-21 ESV "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news** to the poor. He has sent me to **proclaim liberty** to the captives and **recovering of sight** to the blind, to set at **liberty** those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the **Lord's favor**." 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "**Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.**"
- **LORD** - He is the LORD God --- He is Immanuel "**God with Us**" - Mat 1:21-23
 - Mat 1:21-23 ESV She will bear a son, and you shall **call his name Jesus**, *for he will save his people from their sins.*" 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and **they shall call his name Immanuel**" (which means, **God with us**).

The LORD has bared His arm - a prophesy of the coming of Messiah

Isaiah 52:7-10 ESV How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him **who brings good news**, who **publishes peace**, who brings **good news of happiness**, who **publishes salvation**, who says to Zion, "**Your God reigns**." (8) The voice of your watchmen--they lift up their voice; **together they sing for joy**; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (9) Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. (10) **The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

The Good News is "**YOUR GOD REIGNS**"

At the end of Isaiah 52 and Isaiah 53 are prophecies about the crucifixion of Jesus...

- **He goes from this great announcement of Peace, Happiness, and Salvation**
- **And He states "Your God Reigns" ... THEN a prophecy about the crucifixion of Christ - doesn't SOUND much like our God Reigns...does it?**
- **They did not realize that this (death and resurrection) is how the Lord bared His arm**
 - Act 13:27-33 ESV For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because **they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read**

every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. 28 And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. 29 And **when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.** 30 **But God raised him from the dead,** 31 and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. 32 And ***we bring you the good news*** that what God promised to the fathers, 33 **this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus,** as also it is written in the second Psalm, "'You are my Son, today I have begotten you.'

- Psa 2:6-7 ESV "As for me, **I have set my King on Zion,** my holy hill." 7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

The peace, joy and freedom that comes from the salvation that Christ brings...is experienced by us when He reigns as the King of our life

Isa 9:1-7 ESV But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the **former time** he brought into contempt the **land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali**, but in the **latter time he has made glorious** the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a **great light**; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has **light shone**. 3 ***You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy***; they rejoice before you as with **joy at the harvest**, as they are glad when they **divide the spoil**. 4 For **the yoke of his burden**, and the staff for his shoulder, the **rod of his oppressor**, you have broken **as on the day of Midian**. 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. **6 For to us a child is born**, to us a son is given; and **the government** shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. 7 Of the ***increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom***, to **establish it and to uphold it** with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

- **True Christianity does not recognize a relationship with Jesus outside of Him reigning as King (many will be surprised on that day - "I never knew you")**

Jesus does not call us to a relationship with him that is outside the realm of receiving him as King

Mat 4:13-17 ESV And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 **From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

- **There is no joy, no peace, no freedom outside the kingship of Jesus Christ**
- Rom 14:17 ESV For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness and peace and joy** in the Holy Spirit.

Consider that Jesus Came to be the King

Is He the King of my life?

Repent (change your way of thinking) the Kingdom of God is here!