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“Good News to Bring”

Introduction

Imagine receiving a message labeled "Good News!" It uplifts and fills us with hope. That is the power of the Gospel message brought to the shepherds on a quiet night.

Key Verse:

Luke 2:10 (KJV) – *Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

1. The Proclamation

Scripture Reference:

Luke 2:8-10 – The angel proclaimed good news to shepherds, a marginalized group in society. This demonstrates the inclusivity of the Gospel.

Highlight:

Shepherds were unclean and socially outcast, yet God chose them to hear the first proclamation of Jesus' birth. This symbolizes God's love for all people, regardless of status.

Key Quote:

"The message of Christmas is that we matter to God." — Rick Warren

2. The Promise

Scripture Reference:

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

Romans Road Highlights | Steps to Salvation:

The Problem: Romans 3:23 – *All have sinned.*

The Consequence: Romans 6:23a – *Sin leads to death.*

The Solution: Romans 6:23b – *Eternal life through Jesus.*

God's Love Demonstrated: Romans 5:8 – *Christ died for sinners.*

Our Response: Romans 10:9 – *Believe and confess.*

Assurance: Romans 10:13 – *Salvation is available to all.*

Result: Romans 5:1, 8:1 – *Peace and no condemnation in Christ.*

3. The Presence

Key Verse:

Luke 2:14 – *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

God's presence is far more valuable than anything material.

Illustration: The Comb and the Chain ¹

Della and Jim were a young, poor couple deeply in love. At Christmas, both longed to give the other a meaningful gift but had little money.

Della decided to sell her long, beautiful hair to buy Jim a fine chain for his prized pocket watch.

Meanwhile, Jim sold his watch to buy Della a set of combs for her hair.

When they exchanged gifts, they realized the irony of their sacrifices:

The combs were useless without Della's hair, and the chain was meaningless without Jim's watch.

Yet their love for each other was undeniable, proving that the greatest gift is not the material item but the love behind it.

Key Message:

God's presence, symbolized by "Immanuel," brings peace and replaces fear with faith. **God gave us something far more than materials.**

Living the Good Tidings:

- **Receive Personally:** Reflect on Jesus' good news and set aside distractions to embrace Him.
- **Share Boldly:** Tell others about Jesus, especially during Christmas.
- **Live Daily:** Preach the Gospel with actions and become a peacemaker.

Illustration:

"The Christmas Truce of 1914" – Soldiers paused their war for Christmas, symbolizing the peace Christ brings. ²

Closing Challenge

Commit to being a light in your family, workplace, and community by living out the proclamation, promise, and presence of Jesus. Participate in the candle-lighting as a symbolic act of spreading Christ's light.

1 Source: "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry.

2 Source: Historical accounts of the Christmas Truce, 1914.