

Joy To The World!

Luke 2:8-14

Sermon Series: Behind The Music, Pt. 2

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Luke 2:8-14, *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news that will cause great joy for all the people.** ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; **He is the Messiah, the Lord.** ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”*

Galatians 4:4-7, *But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.*

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*Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,*

1) Joy To The World Came At The RIGHT TIME

Galatians 4:4, *But when the time had fully come...*

It Was The Right Time...

- Linguistically And **INTELLECTUALLY**
- Politically And **THEOLOGICALLY**

2) Joy To The World Came As The RIGHT PRESENT

- Jesus Was Fully God And **FULLY MAN**

John 1:1, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Colossians 2:9, *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.*

3) Joy To The World Came With The **RIGHT PURPOSE**

Acts 16:31, They replied, “*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved- you and your household.*”

What Was The Purpose?

- To Redeem Us From The **PENALTY OF SIN**

Romans 3:23, *For all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God.*

Romans 6:23, *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Isaiah 53:5-6, *But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

4) Joy To The World Comes As A **FREE GIFT**

How Do You Get The Gift?

- We Receive It **BY FAITH**

Galatians 3:26, *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,*

John 6:47, *Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.*

Christmas Eve Services at 2:00p, 4:00p & 6:00p:
Make plans to attend one of our Christmas Eve Services with your family!