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“...For the Celebration”

Luke 2:10-14

Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

The angels proclaimed a few reasons for us to celebrate this year!

1. The reason we celebrate is because Christ’s birth means we no longer need to live in _____.

Luke 2:8-10a

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid...”

Luke 1:11-13; Luke 1:28-30; Matthew 1:20

John 16:32-33

Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

2. The reason we celebrate is because Christ’s incarnation _____.

Luke 2:10b

“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”

John 15:11

(Jesus) - “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

3. The reason we celebrate is because Christ’s birth is proof of a _____.

Luke 2:11

“...For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

John 14:16-18

(Jesus) - “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

4. The reason we celebrate is because the birth of Christ brings _____.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond-servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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