

Joy to the World



Luke 2:8-11

- The most important event in human history was the birth of Jesus Christ.
 - The heart of Christmas is that God became a man (1 Tim. 3:16).
 - After Adam and Eve committed high treason in the Garden of Eden, God promised that He would send a deliverer (Gen. 3:15).
 - The Gospel of Luke gives us the most detailed story of the birth of Christ and the most detailed prescription for joy.
 - In our text Luke 2:10, the angel said, “I bring you great joy.”
 - Joy: to rejoice, to benefit, to profit, to make glad, to make happy.
 - There is something important in verse 11 that you do not want to miss. There are three words – Savior, Christ, and Lord.
 - At His birth, Jesus is called “a Savior.”
1. As Savior, He has come to deliver us from sin, Satan’s domain, the ungodly world, fear, and death.
 - A. Matthew 1:21 – “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”
 - B. The baby born in Bethlehem was born to die in our place.
 - He died to purchase the joy that the angels announced at His birth.
 2. The Savior is also “Christ the Lord.”
 - A. The word “Christ” signifies “anointed;” it is the same word for “Messiah.”
 - B. He was anointed as Prophet to bring knowledge and truth; as Priest to offer the sacrifice and cancel the guilt.
 3. Jesus is called Savior, Christ, and now Lord.
 - The word Lord was the title of a ruler (Acts 2:30-36; Isaiah 9:6-7).
 - In 1719, Isaac Watts wrote a hymn that came to be entitled, “Joy to the World.”
 - There is no mention of Mary and Joseph, the angels, the shepherds, or the manger.
 - Isaac Watts was right when he titled his carol “Joy to the Word,” for Christmas is not just joy to America – it is not a national joy it is to the world.