



Crazy Things People Say About Christmas #3

Luke 2:8-14

Listen! “The Christmas season is full of bad news because we must endure another six weeks of religious zealots cramming a lie down our throats about Jesus and God and angels! Another six weeks of bad news!”

Tension: Pretty depressing things to say about Christmas and in fact exactly the opposite of what the angels said about Christmas in the year BC4/3.

Lessons from what the angels say:

Recognize that God:

- ...gives sacrificially for our wellbeing.

Relate to God:

- ...in trust that He is now giving for your wellbeing.
 - Eternally:
 - Presently:
- ...by learning to rejoice, to experience great joy.

Respond to God:

- ...by giving glory to Him.
- ...by giving sacrificially for His Kingdom and for others.
- ...by working for peace among men.

The Truth from the Angels: “Here is Good News of great joy for all people...today there is born for you a Savior, Christ the Lord!”

Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

Idea: Here is Good News of great joy for all people...today there is born for you a Savior, Christ the Lord!

Please read Luke 2:8-14 each day this week.

- **Today.** Please make a list of 10 things God has given to you.
 - Please make a list of ten things you have given to others.

- **Monday.** What do you need God to give to you right now? How would you increase your trust in His provision?

- **Tuesday.** Where are you today on the “depressed vs. rejoicing scale?” How good are you at rejoicing? What reasons do you have to rejoice? How could you get better at rejoicing?

- **Wednesday.** What is the key way that God wants you to glorify Him in the next year?

- **Thursday.** What is the key way that God wants you to give sacrificially to His work in the next year?

- **Friday.** What is the key way that God wants you to give sacrificially to another person or family in the next year?

- **Saturday.** What is the key way that God wants you to be a peacemaker in your family or workplace or school or circle of friends? Do you have a person with whom you personally need to make peace?

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