# Christmas: The Proclamation of Good News!

Luke 2:6-20

- Before Jesus was born in Bethlehem there were several "proclamations" by angelic beings.
- Such is the case after Jesus was born, too. An angelic being made the first post-proclamation of His birth (Luke 2:9). It was a very important PROCLAMATION which had farreaching benefit to all of mankind. It is our goal this Christmas morning to listen in on that PROCLAMATION.

## THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROCLAMATION

• A. The PROCLAIMER'S of the message! (2:9, 10)

## An ANGEL —

We are not told who this is but it may have been GABRIEL.

## A multitude of HEAVENLY HOSTS—

These were a large group of spirit beings who were specifically given the task of worship!
They may have been **SERAPHIM** (Isa. 6:2-3 or **CHERUBIM** (Ezek. 1:5-14; 10:15; Rev. 4:8-9; 5:11-13)

They were NOT SINGING, but "saying" ... their message was different than that of the angel.

• B. The RECIPIENTS of the message! (2:8, 17-18)

A group of SHEPHERDS — (vs. 8)

The first proclamation was made to shepherds! They were the outcasts in Israel. They had a reputation of having "sticky fingers" and considered what was your's to be their's! They were not allowed to testify in a court of law or hold public office.

**BUT**, these were the first one's to be told of the Messiah's birth.

• To many OTHERS — (vs. 17-18)

The shepherds went, saw and TOLD!

The One they heard about and saw was too wonderful to keep to themselves!

# C. The CONTENT of the message! (2:10-11)

Notice four things about the message:

- It was a message of "GOOD NEWS" of great joy! (vs. 10)
- It was a message for "ALL PEOPLE"! (vs. 10)

• It was a message about a SPECIFIC SAVIOR! (vs. 11)

"CHRIST" — the MESSIAH

"the LORD" — JAHWEH — Isaiah 45:21; Isaiah 43:3, 11

• It was a message of PEACE! (vs. 14)

Notice who are the *recipients* of this peace! (Rom. 5:1)

## THE APPLICATION TO US TODAY!

# **LET'S ASK 4 QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Have you "received" the Savior? He came for "YOU"! (vs. 11)
- 2. Do you enjoy the "peace" with God that comes through the Savior?

## **LET'S ASK 4 QUESTIONS:**

- 3. Are you committed to the "proclamation" of the message as the shepherd's were?
- 4. Are you committed to join the multitude of heavenly hosts in EXALTING worship unto our Savior? Make it a **daily** habit!!