

A Peanut Delivery

Luke 2:8-20

God delivers the joy of His Son to the world as He chooses to.

God delivers the message of the gospel and His gift of salvation;

- 1. right where we are.** v8a, Hebrews 1:1–2, John 1:18, Acts 16:11-15
- 2. when we are humble and weak.** v8b, Zephaniah 2:3, Matthew 5:3, James 4:10
- 3. in a powerful way.** v9, Acts 16:16-34, 19:11-20
- 4. for all people.** v10-11, Acts 13:48, 4:32, 1 Thessalonians 1:10
- 5. for the faithful to live abundantly and obediently.** v12-20, 1 John 1:1-3, 1 Peter 3:15

John 3:16-17

For God loved the world in this way.

He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity--hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory--because at the Father's will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.

~ J.I. Packer~