



## REJOICE

By Pastor Jeff



**Luke 2:10-12** *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;<sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.<sup>12</sup> "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (NASB)*

The birth of Jesus, as the angel stated to the shepherds, was "good news of **great joy**" (emphases added). We read that statement year after year but have we ever stopped to consider why the birth of Jesus was such good news that brought great joy? Thankful we aren't left to personal conjecture on that question because verse 11 gives us two reasons for the great joy associated with Jesus' birth.

The first reason for our great joy is in regard to what Jesus came to do. The text tells us that he was born a Savior, One who will rescue us. The Lord Jesus latter in Luke 19:10 states about His life and ministry, "For the son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost." The word save is the same root word as Savior. Jesus came to save the world by dying for all people. As a believer, you have

put your personal faith in Jesus' death and resurrection. He is your Savior, your rescuer. In this, we can rejoice!

Secondly, we can rejoice because of who Jesus is. Note verse 11, Jesus is "Christ the Lord" Jesus is Messiah, the one promised in 100's of Old Testament passages. As Lord Jesus is master and God. We should greatly rejoice because God became a man to live among so that he could show us God and provide the way back to the Father. All of life in the present and for all eternity finds meaning and hope in the reality of Jesus coming to earth for us.

So as you decorate, shop, wrap, cook and gather with family and friends at home and at church, let's be full of the joy of Christmas. The joy of knowing who Jesus is, and what he did for you personally!

## DECEMBER A TIME OF JOY

The joy of the seasons will be celebrated at Mountain View Bible Church

- **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 Progressive Dinner** - If you have questions, please contact Karen Haas at 610-760-6366
- **Sunday, December 20 - The Good News Puppets** will be in our morning service to do the awesome program for the entire family, "*Tiny's Christmas.*" You will not want to miss the program of puppets, song and scripture all telling the Christmas story from a very unique perspective.
- **Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service, "*The Light of Christmas.*"** A wonderful service is being planned that will warm your hearts and draw others to faith in Christ. This is both a worship and outreach service. So please pray about whom you will invite.