

“God’s Christmas Card to You”

Based on Luke 2:8-11 (NIV)

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Luke 2:8-9

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

† **The shepherds were terrified.**

Luke 2:10a - But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.

† **I do not need to be terrified or afraid of any message from God.**

Luke 2:10b-11

10b I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

† **The birth of Jesus was a sign of God’s abundant love for all people, not a select few.**

† **The birth of Jesus Christ shows me that I am important to God.**

Luke 2:11 - Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

† **A Savior is someone who rescues another from trouble.**

- **Physical troubles**
- **Emotional troubles**
- **Spiritual troubles**

† **Here is a Savior that is born, for me, who will save me from my troubles, if I let him.**

† **God sends me a personal Christmas card of good news not just on Christmas, but everyday.**

† **I am to look around physically, emotionally, and spiritually each day to see the “good news” and benefit from it with ‘great joy.’”**

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† What does a Christmas card from God to me look like?

† What physical troubles have I experienced?
How was God through Christ with me?

† What emotional troubles have I experienced?
How was God through Christ with me?

† What spiritual troubles have I experienced?
How was God through Christ with me?

† What trouble am I currently experiencing?
How will I let God help me or do I try and do things my way?