



THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST

Luke 2:8-20

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Good morning church! This Christmas is one for the history books... Never would I or could I imagine that we would be so distant from one another as we are today. It's like we have been in a "long-distance" relationship with each other as we try to love, care for, catch up, and encourage one another. However, the distance brings risks of dishonesty, miscommunication, lack of accountability, and excuses to not be the Church! That's why now, more than ever is the time that you & I set new goals, renew commitments, and rebuild our relationships. Don't lose hope. Don't be afraid. Don't forget that "being the church is being together; if you feel alone, uneasy, or distant then like a lost sheep who needs help finding its way home; consider how you too can find your way back home. God doesn't want us to be alone, but to be together In-Person or Online we come together to find **peace** like God bringing angels, shepherds, and wisemen during the Birth of His Son, JESUS.

I. God Reveals HIMSELF to the LOWLY Laborers. (v 8-9)

- Shepherds were held a lower social status based on their work.
- The Shepherds were known to nurture the SACRIFICIAL lambs to be bought for WORSHIP to the LORD.

"For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

Hebrews 9:12-14

II. God ANNOUNCES Christ as the ATONEMENT for Sin. (v 10-14)

What does it mean "Christ our Lord"?

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

*⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – **Philippians 2:5-11***

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

We must realize that God the Father did not just ponder up the idea to send His Son to be the Savior of the world, but...

- Jesus was to be the Savior of the world BEFORE the world was ever created.
- The Messiah was another demonstration of God's GOODNESS, GREATNESS and loving, forgiving, & redeeming GRACE.
- The heavenly host gives recognition to the DEITY over the Heavens by singing “Glory in the Highest...”
- God gives a gracious gift of peace to those who are OBJECTS of His Pleasure.

*“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” - **Romans 5:1***

Do you have peace with God? If you don't; peace comes only when you given your life to God. My prayer for us this Christmas, is to find peace in this chaos through Christ.

Extra Reading for the Christmas Story:

[Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25](#)