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Luke 2:6-14

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Part 2/4

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Salvation, Christmas, Faith, Hope, Love, Worship

Introduction to the Text;

Luke 2:6-14

“State The Contextual Summation and Theme”

Luke 2:6-14

So it was, that while Joseph and Mary were there, the days were completed for her to deliver. :7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. :8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. :9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. :10 Then the angel said to them, *“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. :12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”* :13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: :14 *“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”* - - *Because The Rescuer Had Arrived !*

!!! Merry Christmas Church !!!

In our last message we looked at the “**mechanics**” if you will, of Christmas. We considered the “**technicalities**” of why Christmas is the most celebrated event in all of human history and that has been the case for 2,000 years...

Matt. 1:18a

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ *was as follows*.”

but it even goes back beyond that to the book of Genesis which sent out to the world the very first Christmas greeting ever !

1.) It was according to God’s **plan**

2.) His timing was **perfect**

3.) There was a divine **purpose**

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WHEN GOD CAME DOWN THE BENEFITS

1.) He Brought Us The **Gift of Life**

The Very Issue of Life is Under Attack Today,

I’m not talking about the **evolution** debate or the **abortion** debate or the **ethanasia** debate, im talking about what is “*the living of life*” itself

Luke 2:11

*For there is born to you this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

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AND HE BRINGS THE GIFT OF LIFE TODAY

1a.) Jesus Christ – The Author of Life

The Christmas Christ is the Giver of Life Itself.

John 1:3-4

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. :4 In Him **was life**, and **the life** was **the light** of men.

light φῶς **phos**, *foce*; from an obsolete φάω **phao** (to make shine or to make manifest, to beam or radiate. – the luminousness.

Col. 1:14-16

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. :15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. :16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible,

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AND HE BRINGS THE GIFT OF LIFE TODAY

1b.) Jesus Christ – The Author of Life Again

John 3:1-9

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. :2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “**Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.**” :3 Jesus answered and said to him, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**” :4 Nicodemus said to Him, “**How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?**”...

...:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. :6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. :7 Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again.' :8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." :9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

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AND HE BRINGS THE GIFT OF LIFE TODAY

1c.) Jesus Christ – The Author of **Eternity**

John 10:28

And **I give them eternal life**, and they shall never perish;
neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 3:15

that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have **eternal life**.

!!!! Stop for a Moment and Think !!!!

Why Are So Conscious of Eternal Life?

**Why Do You Always Wonder About
Life and Death and Heaven and Hell?**

Think, Think, Think,

The Christmas Christ is the Giver of Life Itself.

Verse 10

:10 Then the angel said to them, "**Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which will be to all people**.

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WHEN GOD CAME DOWN THE BENEFITS

2.) He Extended to Us The Hand of Mercy

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AND HE EXTENDS MERCY TO US

2a.) Mercy is what He offers

Mercy is not often thought about unless You're in trouble.

For that - we love the concept of mercy.

But Mercy has a Condition to It,

It's for those who know they are guilty – and need mercy !

It's for those who know they've been caught.

Psa. 32:5

I confessed all my sins to You Lord and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And He forgave me!
All my guilt is gone.

Ex. 34:6-7

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,
:7 keeping mercy for thousands,

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AND HE EXTENDS MERCY TO US

2b.) Mercy is **what we need** from Him

there is no hope for us without His mercy.

Luke 18:13

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “**God, be merciful to me a sinner!**”

It's The Lord's nature to offer Mercy to us.

Question: The God That You Worship – Is He Merciful or are you hoping That He's merciful? – what is his nature and those that follow him?

Psa. 31:7

I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, For You have considered my trouble; You have known my soul in adversities,

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AND HE EXTENDS MERCY TO US

2c.) Mercy is **what others need** from us

Matt. 5:7

Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain (be shown) **mercy**.

mercy ἐλεέω *eleeo*, *el-eh-eh'-o*;
compassionate, favor, elevation or to elevate another.

Phil. 2:3

...esteem others higher than yourself.

You Cannot Give What You Do Not Have.

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WHEN GOD CAME DOWN THE BENEFITS

3.) He Granted to Us The Power of Forgiveness

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HE GRANTS US THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

3a.) Forgiveness reunites faith

the touchstone, example, the benchmark.

(we're to emulate Him - - extending and receiving forgiveness in this life)

what forgiveness really is;

It's a humbling on our part. It's us seeing ourselves in the same place as the one who has sinned against us, for we have sinned against God.

Matt. 9:2

Jesus said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

Luke 5:20

And Jesus said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

1John 2:12

I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

The Power of Forgiveness can Reunite Friendships, Heal Divisions
Restore a Marriage, And strengthen a Family.

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HE GRANTS US FORGIVENESS

3b.) Forgiveness **rekindles** hope

**where is forgiveness truly experienced ?
where there has been great hurt, disappointment and offense.**

Eph. 4:31-32

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. :32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Without Jesus Christ, There's No Hope;

People Today are Burdened Down with Heavy Loads
Loads of Failure, Regret, Sorrow, Pain... from the people in their lives

But if Forgiveness is Placed on the Table,
Hope begins to stir and possibilities begin to arise.

Rom. 5:5-6

Now **hope** does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. :6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom. 12:12

rejoicing in **hope**,

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HE GRANTS US FORGIVENESS

3c.) Forgiveness **reawakens** love

1John 4:18-19

There is no fear in love; but perfect love **casts** (*pushes*) out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made complete in love.

:19 We love God **because He first loved us.**

What "Personal Injury" is You Nursing ?

God's Love for Us Creates an Environment of Forgiveness.

Meaning: once we receive the fact that God loves us, we in turn, begin to bestow that love upon others...

If I am going to be loving, Then by Supernatural Law.
I will become a Forgiver

You can't receive the power of forgiveness unless you yourself have been forgiven. This "biblical" forgiveness is not a weak thing or a temporary thing, it is a new thing. It comes about after a death has taken place.

!!!!!!! Media Ministry Alert !!!!!!!

Notify Worship Ministry to get ready to come out

Jesus Christ Doesn't Want You to Do **Better**,
He wants you to be **perfect**.

He Doesn't Want You to Try **Harder**,
He wants you **dead**,

Matt. 10:37-39

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. :38 And he who does not **take up his cross** and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. :39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake - will find it.

Rom. 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

!!!!!!! Media Ministry Alert !!!!!!!

Send Worship Ministry Out

He wants you alive with His life now in your veins

what forgiveness really is;

it's being liberated, set free, pardoned, restored,

**FOR THE DECISIONS TO BE MADE
FOR THIS MORNINGS TITHES AND OFFERINGS.
FOR THE DECISIONS TO BE MADE**

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: :13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

End of Study