

The Angelic Message – Jesus Christ Has Been Born

Introduction

A. One of the greatest events of all time occurred – when God became a man.

B. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ was and is an evidence of:

1. God's faithfulness to His prophetic Word.

Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel, Isaiah 7:14

2. God's love for sinful man.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

C. The importance of the birth of Jesus Christ is indicated by the character of those who announced it – it was the message of angels.

I. The Character of the Message, Luke 2:8-10.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

A. The instructive prohibition in the message: "Fear not."

The coming of Jesus Christ makes it possible to be delivered from fear.

B. The prophetic intimation in the message: "I bring you good tidings of great joy"

The words "Good tidings" are the words translated elsewhere for "Gospel."

C. The emphatic universality in the message: "To all people."

II. The Content of the Message, Luke 2:11.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord*

A. The announcement of a Savior: "A Saviour . . . Christ the Lord."

The Gospel and Christianity revolves around a Person, Jesus Christ.

B. The intimation of its universality: "Onto you*"

This announcement was made to lowly shepherds intimating all were included.

C. The revealing of God's plan: "A Saviour is born . . . Christ the Lord."

It was God's plan to make redemption possible – Jesus Christ was born to die!

III. The Consequences of the Message, Luke 2:13,1k•

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying; Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men*

A. The result of His birth in Heaven – "Glory to God."

The greatness, goodness, faithfulness and love of God was displayed to all the angels by the Birth of Jesus Christ. (Eph. 3:10; I Peter 1:12)

The angelic attention to the Incarnation should instruct us of its importance

B. The result of His birth on earth – "Peace, good will toward men."

Through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ peace with God has been made possible.

There is peace through the forgiveness of sins, Romans 5:1,8:1.

There is peace for daily life through trust, Phil* 4:6,7.

This peace is not automatic. God's provision must be accepted on His terms.

There is no peace, saith the Lord, to the wicked, Isaiah 48:22.

O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments; then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea, Is. 48:18.

And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment, I Jn. 3:23.

Conclusion

- A. The historical event of the Incarnation demonstrates God's provision for man in the Person of Jesus Christ.
- B. The Incarnation presents us with a decision – we must respond to this display of love with acceptance and obedience.

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