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Do Not Fear the Gospel

Luke 2:1-21

Many Christmas cards depict the angels of Luke 2 announcing the birth of Jesus. What is not usually depicted is a group of rough, dirty looking shepherds cowering in fear at the announcement by the angel. What message would you expect a holy God to announce to the shepherds and the world? A message about their unworthiness and hopelessness before the holiness of God. That message makes everyone fear. The announcement though is not one of condemnation, rather it is one of good news because it proclaims the Gospel.

Additional Verses:

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

Psalms 11:5

Isaiah 61:1

Romans 8:7

Ephesians 2:12

Colossians 2:9-14

Outline:

1. The gospel is about hope.

2. The gospel is about peace.

3. The gospel is about joy.

4. The gospel is about love.

5. The gospel is fulfilled in Jesus.

Study Questions:

1. How is the Gospel a message of hope?

2. How is the Gospel a message of peace?

3. How is the Gospel a message of joy?

4. How is the Gospel a message of love?

5. How is Jesus the perfect embodiment of the Gospel?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?