

Exchanging our Fear for His Peace

Christmas Series - The Gift Exchange
Luke 2:8-20

Context - Luke is sharing about the Birth of Jesus Christ and he inserts the report of the Shepherd to bring in some important identifying information about this newborn child. The shepherds are afraid, but the angels declare peace on earth through the newborn king.

Main Idea - Because of Christmas, you get to exchange your fear for God's peace.

To have your fear turned into peace...

1. _____ the Saving Messiah (vs 8-14)

The Angels declared the following to the shepherds:

- A. He was born in the city of David (Bethlehem), fulfilling the prophecy of Micah 5:2.
- B. He is called a "Savior," speaking of his role in saving sinners from the penalty of their sins.
- C. He is called "Messiah (Christ) the Lord." This title speaks of His role as the anointed one sent into the world who is Lord over all.

2. _____ what happened in Bethlehem (vs. 15-18)

- A. The shepherds departed immediately for Bethlehem to see what had been declared to them.
- B. The shepherds encountered Jesus, and declared to those present that this child was the Savior, Messiah, and Lord.
- C. For more than 2000 years, people from all over the world have been investigating what happened in Bethlehem.

3. _____ in the worship of Jesus (vs. 19-20)

- A. All who heard the report of the shepherds were amazed, and Mary treasured it all in her heart.
- B. The Shepherds returned to their flocks, glorifying and praising God. They were never the same again.
- C. When you encounter Jesus, you will never walk away the same.