

## Advent/ Joy

[Luk 2:10 ESV] 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

### I. Intro

#### A. Advent:

1. Hope: Faith with expectation
2. Peace: When Christ is your hope, peace is your present
3. Joy: an expression of realized Hope and Peace

#### B. Joy: Webster: a feeling of great pleasure or happiness that comes from success, good fortune, or a sense of well-being : GLADNESS

#### C. The Joy of the Spirit Filled life is seen in the Christmas season

### II. Text

#### A. I bring you good news:

1. Interesting statement: Euangelizomai Hymin
2. Eu is good, angelio: message/messenger
3. The ANGEL (literally messenger) brings the good message personally
4. You are also a messenger that is called to bring the good message.

#### B. Of Great Joy

1. Megas chara!
2. That sounds better in the greek
3. But don't forget, its what you have when you have Christ!

#### C. That will be for all the people

1. This message is for all the people
2. Don't overthink this or explain it away, all the people need to hear.

### III. Points

#### A. Shout for Joy

1. Shout Joy!
2. [Psa 32:11 ESV] 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!
3. [Psa 33:1 ESV] 1 Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
4. Selfishness is the enemy of the Advent:
  - a) Hope and peace do not come from self
  - b) It is an impossibility to shout for Joy while majoring in selfishness

#### B. Unspeakable Joy

1. [1Pe 1:8-9 ESV] 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
2. Joy that cannot be fully expressed in word, but rather we say GLORY
3. Have you ever been without words to describe your JOY?
4. This is our response to the story, and to the peace Christ brought to the earth: Glory
5. Follow the linear thinking here:
  - a) We hope in Christ
  - b) We have peace with God because of Christ
  - c) We have JOY because of this truth and it is only found in Christ.

### IV. Close

#### A. What are you going to cling to today that'll bring Joy?

1. Joy is ACTIVE
2. Joy is productive, feeding Hope and peace
3. Joy is contagious

#### B. What are you going to avoid that steals your Joy?

1. Protecting Joy is ACTIVE
  2. Protecting Joy produces hope and peace
  3. A failure to protect your joy is also contagious
  4. David writes in Psalm 51 after being confronted with his sin, "Restore to me the JOY of my salvation."
- C. Can we enter into a time of prayer...together with a small group if you will allow?
1. Pray for Joy to be restored
  2. Pray for Joy to be protected
  3. Pray your joy will be contagious