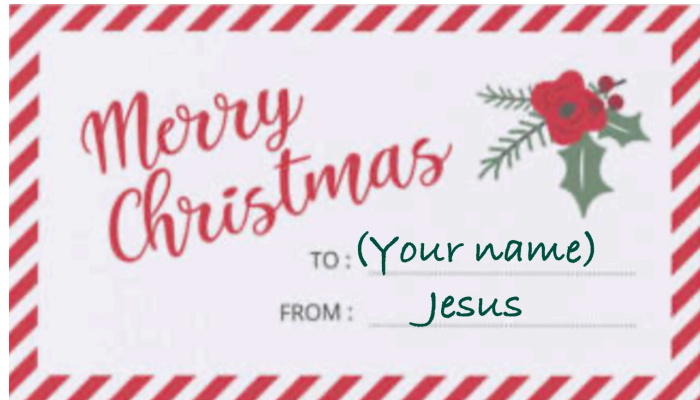


*“And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11*

How do you feel when you are looking under the Christmas tree for a present and there it is, one with your name on it?

Joy! Excitement! Curiosity! Hope! Joy is probably the biggest feeling you have when you are looking at a gift that has your name on it.

Notice that joy is what the angels said we would feel as well. When the angel was speaking to the shepherds, he makes the message personal. “I bring you good news” means this good news has your name on it.



The gospel is meant to be personal. That is the essence of the gospel message. It is a personal message to you. The angel says it is for more than you, it's "for all people." But all people includes you. And so this message is meant for you.

So the gospel is a joyful message about Christ our Savior. When we preach this message correctly, it overflows with joy. Why? Because the Lord of all, the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth, has become a baby for your sake. When you believe this gospel message that Jesus is born for you, joy will fill you.

May this message of Jesus being born for you and dying for you completely overwhelm you.

Believe it. Know it is true for you. And you will know the power of the Christmas carol, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come...to me!"