

CHRISTMAS CAROLS | PART 2 | GO TELL IT

THIS YEAR WE ARE LOOKING THROUGH A UNIQUE LENS AS WE DISCOVER OR REDISCOVER THE CHRISTMAS STORY BY REVISITING AND EVEN DISSECTING CLASSIC CAROLS....

SONGS THAT SPEAK OF HIS COMING, HIS GRACE, HIS MERCY, HIS HEALING, HIS DELIVERANCE, HIS MIRACLES, HIS MIGHT, AND HIS LOVE FOR YOU AND ME...

CHRIST IS WORTH CELEBRATING...

ROMANS 5:8

RECAP:

LAST WEEK WE LOOKED AT THE CAROL: "OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" A CALLING TO RECOGNIZE AND WORSHIP WHO CHRIST IS...

THIS SONG IS A CALL... A CALL OF PREPARATION, TO WORSHIP AND SING THE GLORY OF GOD...

JESUS WAS AND IS GOD ALMIGHTY... THE VERY IMPRINT OF GOD, THE WORD MADE FLESH... THAT HE WAS NOT CREATED BECAUSE HE IS GOD...

JOHN 1:1-18

TRUSTING IN HIS GRACE, AND LEANING INTO CHRIST AS BOTH SOURCE AND MEANS TO SHARING HIS LOVE.

PART 2

DID YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TOY THAT YOU LOVED SO MUCH THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO PLAY WITH IT???

TODAY'S CAROL:

"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

While shepherds kept their watching Over silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo! above the earth, Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born That Jesus Christ is born

A SONG OF URGENCY AND LIVING LIFE OUT LOUD! A REMINDER OF THE MESSAGE

LUKE 2:4-17

WE ALL HAVE ACCESS, IF WE ARE BORN AGAIN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT... TO HEAR HIM

BUT THIS WAS NOT SO COMMONPLACE IN THE DAY AND AGE THAT JESUS WAS BORN INTO...

WE HAVE MALACHI THEN SILENCED!

MALACHI 4:1-11

The shepherds "feared" a great fear (v 9) But the angel did not come to strike great fear, but in contrast, to spread great joy

5401. phobos: from a primary phebomai "to be put in fear"[Fundamentally, 5401 /phóbos ("fear") means withdraw (separate from), i.e. flee (remove oneself) and hence to avoid because of dread (fright)

5479. chara: 1. cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight "joy because of grace"

Joy in the New Testament is more than emotion; it is the settled, Spirit-given delight that arises from the redemptive acts and abiding presence of God.

TRUTH: Joy is not the same as "happiness" which is a temporary feeling or emotion. Joy (Biblically) is tied to something spiritual.

LUKE 2:15-17

WHY SHEPHERDS????

- SHEPHERDS WERE "HARD-CORE" FOLKS!
- DUE TO THEIR CONSTANT CONTACT WITH ANIMALS, THEY WERE CONSIDERED "UNCLEAN"
- THEY WERE OFTEN REJECTED IN SOCIETY....

YET! GOD TELLS THEM FIRST!!!!

JOHN 10:7-15 JOHN 1:29

GOD DOESN'T LOOK AT WHAT THE WORLD DOES IN TERMS OF GREATNESS.

John 14:12 Ephesians 3:20

GOD CHOSE THE SHEPHERDS TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE, BUT THE SHEPHERDS CHOSE TO RESPOND.

Matthew 28:19-20

John 28:15-17

John 15:8-14

BEAR MUCH FRUIT BY LOVE - VIA JESUS = SOURCE AND MEANS

THAT'S THE JOB WE HAVE AS HIS CHURCH

JESUS' WORDS:

JOHN 17:20-26

WHO ARE YOU PRAYING FOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON? AND WHO ARE YOU WILLING TO TELL?