

the Call of
Christmas



1 John 3:18-24



7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.



⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;



11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** "This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,



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14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." 15 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."



1. It is a Heavenly Call

13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

From the first Christmas, heaven has called us to be drawn to Christ.

It is a call to recognize the supernatural has entered the natural.

It is a call to move from temporal to eternal.



2. It is a Christmas Challenge

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;

The challenge is to proclaim the heavenly message.

The heavenly message of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love of Christ.



2. It is a Christmas Challenge

⁸ In the same region there were some shepherds ...

Heaven had a particular group to share the news.

The target group of God is all mankind.

His instrument is the church.

And you as an individual.




2. It is a Christmas Challenge

I want you to pray a dangerous prayer. Pray that God will open up opportunities for you to share Jesus Christ to people He has called us to proclaim.

1 Chronicles 4:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep *me* from harm that *it* may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested.



3. It is a Life Change

Luke 2:20 (NASB)

20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

**No way to look at the supernatural event
2000 years and not be changed...**

It changes worldviews.

It changes eternity.

It changes our lives.

It changes others.



10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;

Christ calls today.



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