

Text: Luke 2:8-20
Topics: Angels, Birth of Christ, Joy, Praise
Series: They Worshiped at the Advent of Christ

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Overflowing

I. The Appearance of Angels (8-14)

The angel appears...

The angel announces...

The angels applaud...

The angels announced the birth of Jesus with overflowing joy!

II. The Actions of Shepherds (15-20)

The action of the shepherds...

The reactions of people...

When the shepherds found the Child, they declared it and overflowed with joy!

In Christ you have reason to overflow with joy!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Are you a joyful (happy, if you prefer that word) person? What brings you joy? How do you express it?

2. Paul records his prayer for the Ephesian believers in Ephesians 3:14-19. Summarize the essence of this prayer in a short sentence.

If this prayer is answered in your life, what does it look like?

3. What is David asking God for in Psalm 51:12? What had he lost and why? (Look back through the Psalm)

What are some examples that "rob" you in the same way?

4. Jesus tells the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. What is the reward for faithfulness?

Is it a reward the believer experiences in this life, or after death? Try to describe it.

5. Read the lost sheep parable of Jesus in Luke 15:1-7. What is the point of the parable?

What should be a great joy in your life? Is it? Why, or why not?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?