



A SERIES OF CHRISTMAS MESSAGES BY DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR
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A. The Greatest Christmas Verse

Luke 2:10–11, TLB -¹⁰ *but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!"* ¹¹ *The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem!*

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STUDY VERSE: Luke 2:10–11, NASB -¹⁰ *But the angel [lit., messenger of God] said to them [the shepherds], "Do not be afraid [lit., scared to death]; for behold [in the middle voice means "you yourself look, see, perceive!"] The aorist imperative is a command emphasizing "Do it now! Don't delay!" Spurgeon reminds us that "Behold is a word of wonder; it is intended to excite admiration. Wherever you see it hung out in Scripture, it is like an ancient sign-board, signifying that there are riches within...for you to find", *I bring you good news [lit., meaning to evangelize, to proclaim, or to preach] of great [lit, the greatest] joy [in the NT is virtually always used to signify a feeling of "happiness" that is based on spiritual realities, and (take careful note of this next thought), independent of what "happens"] which will be for all [to totality of all people from all time] the people; ¹¹ *for today in the [lit "this"] city of David [the formal "city of David" would be Jerusalem but Bethlehem would be a reference to***

the shepherd's hometown here's birth place—David was born there] *there has been born for you* [plural, lit., all of you] a Savior [Soter give us our word "soteriology"—the story of salvation; sozo, used here, means "one who rescues another from peril;" saos means to be brought to safety, to be delivered], *who is Christ [Christo, from chrio means "hand," ie, to rub or anoint, symbolizing appointment to a task; it's the Gk. counterpoint to Heb. "Messiah."] the Lord [lit., Master, powerful].* ¹² *"This will be a sign [typically translated "miracle"] for you: you will find a baby [Gk: βρέφος bréphos, means a baby in the womb or just born, (very young); from phérbos or "one need nourishment/care from their mother"] wrapped in cloths [lit., funeral wrappings—there were so poor, it's all they had. Obviously, there may have been some foreshadowing here] and lying [meaning an offering] in a manger."*

"The Baby in the manger of Bethlehem
is none other than the Lord God in human flesh!"

- Dr. Steven Cole

B. The Greatest Christmas News

1. The Need for GOOD NEWS!

Romans 3:23, NASB95 -²³ *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

Mark 13:19, NLT -¹⁹ *For [in the last days] there will be greater anguish in those days than at any time since God created the world. And it will never be so great again.*

2. The Effects of this GOOD NEWS!

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