

Help Is Here

#1 "The Announcement That Changes Everything"

1. God's news is _____.

1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NIV) This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Micah 5:2 (NIV) But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

Luke 2:8-20 (NIV) And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David **a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

2. God's good news is _____.

Luke 2:10 (NIV) But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring **you** good news that will cause great joy for **all the people.**"

Revelation 22:17 (NLT) The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

3. God's good news brings _____ to people who hear and believe it.

God's work in the world unfolds in stages:

- The calling of Abraham.
- The giving of the Law of God through Moses.
- The times of Israel's prophets, priests and kings, and the promise of a coming Messiah.
- The birth of Messiah.
- The earthy ministry of Messiah.
- The sacrificial and substitutionary death of Messiah.
- The resurrection of Messiah.
- The ascension of Messiah.
- The coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.
- The Last Days.
- The Second Coming of Messiah.
- The Final Judgment.
- The establishment of a new heaven and earth for eternity, with Messiah, and King, and Lord over His redeemed children who have trusted Him as Savior.

John 1:12 (NIV) Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.