

# “Joy to the World”

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Sunday, December 19, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*Luke 2:8-20*

**DO:** Where would you place yourself today on a scale of 1-10 with regard to your overall outlook on life and your future, 1 being GREAT FEAR & 10 being GREAT JOY? If you are assured of the GREAT NEWS of GREAT JOY of which the angel spoke to the shepherds, identify one person with whom you can share this transformational message this Christmas.

**BIG IDEA:** There is no fear, but great joy at Christ’s coming.

*“But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”*

*Luke 2:10 (CSB)*

- **Christ’s coming is GOOD NEWS.**
  - It was **GOOD NEWS for the Shepherds.**
  
  - It was **GOOD NEWS from the Shepherds.**
  
- **Christ’s coming brings GREAT JOY.**
  - **GREAT FEAR can only be relieved with GREAT JOY.**
  
  - **GREAT JOY is GREAT because of its SOURCE.**

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**READ:** Luke 2:8-20

**THINK:** Think about the angelic visitation to the shepherds, then ask yourself these questions: *Why do you suppose the angels were sent to the shepherds and not someone else? What caused FEAR among the shepherds at the appearance of the angels? What consolation do you suppose the shepherds received from the angel’s words: “Do not be afraid.”? Why is the angel’s message “good news”? Why is it particularly “good news” to the shepherds? How do the shepherds become “evangelists” of the “good news”? What makes the joy of which the angels speaks “great joy”? How would you explain the essence of biblical joy? How does the angel’s message relate to us today in light of Christ’s second coming?*