

December 8, 2019 – Christmas Play – *“I Was There”*

Homily

This morning our youth presented a drama that recalled what the angels and some of the people remembered about the night Jesus was born.

But the important thing is; what do you remember about that first Christmas?

The main message of Christmas is that Jesus came to save people from the penalty of our sins and to be a part of our daily life.

Listen to the angel’s message again in Luke 2:10; ***“Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; He is Christ The Lord.”***

The angel’s message to the shepherds on that first Christmas night contains seven (7) life changing messages to you and to me.

The angels’ message is good news and life changing because:

- **It banished fear.** *“Do not be afraid”* (verse 10)
- **It brought great joy.** *“Great joy”*. (verse 10)
- **It is for all people.** *“For all the people”*. (verse 10)
- **It is personal.** 4 times the angel makes God’s message personal. *“I bring you”* (verse 10), *“A Savior has been born to you”* (verse 11), *“This will be a sign to you”* (Verse 10)...and *“you will find...”* (verse 12).
- **It saves sinners.** *“A Savior has been born to you”*. (verse 11)
- **It brings glory to God.** *“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.”* (verses 2:13 -14)
- **It offers real and lasting peace.** *“And on earth peace to men on whom God’s favor rests”*. (verse 14)

You could summarize the angels’ message of good news by saying; God loves you, God has made a way for you to be with Him both now and through out eternity, and God wants to be a part of your life each day. Christmas means God is with us, God is for us, and God lives in us!

We all have a choice; we can focus on our circumstances **or** we can choose focus on Jesus and on what Jesus promises to all who ask Him to save them and to all who choose to make Jesus The Lord of their life.

We all need to ask ourselves;

- *Have I allowed Satan to create fear in my life?*
- *Have I allowed Satan to rob me of my joy?*
- *Have I allowed Satan to create conflict in my life and to disrupt my relationship with The Lord?*

God has done His part now the rest is up to you to accept God's gift to you.

God's word to us this morning challenges each of us to ask ourselves:

- *How am I going to respond to the angel's good news?*
- *Am I going to let the angels' message of good news change the way I live?*

You see **if** you will make the commitment for Jesus to be a real part of your life each and every day you will not be afraid and you will experience the excitement, the peace, and the joy of Christmas in your life each day.

Friends that is "*The Good News of Christmas*"