

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

The Wonder of His Provision

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Luke 2:10-11

In a world with so much bad news, God gives good news. In a world filled with sadness and despair, God gives joy! This news is not just for a few; it's for everyone! The angelic messenger announced that God's grace was revealed in the birth of Jesus, and the shepherds were amazed! Jesus is God's provision for man's salvation! Be amazed this Christmas: the birth of Jesus reveals God's grace for you!

Key Thought: Jesus is God's provision for your salvation: be amazed!

Luke 2:10–11 (NASB95) ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

God's provision reveals His grace - “For you”

- **God's grace is revealed in the storyline of the Bible! (Creation-Fall-Redemption-Restoration)**

(2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:5; 1 John 4:10; 1 Timothy 1:15; Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:11; 1 John 2:2; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 1:18–19)

- **God's grace is revealed in the Christmas story! (Titus 2:11-15)**

God's provision reminds us of our need - “A Savior”

Galatians 4:4–5 (NASB95) ⁴ But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

- **“A Savior” – We need someone to deliver us from our sin!
(Romans 3:23–24; Revelation 5:5–9; Acts 4:12)**

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- **“Who is Christ” – There is only one who is worthy to deliver! He is the anointed one, the chosen one! (John 14:6)**

- **“The Lord” – There is only one who can deliver! “All authority and all power”**

Lord. Jesus is also identified as “Lord” throughout the New Testament. The Greek term that is translated “Lord,” **kurios**, has a range of meanings. It can simply serve as a term of respect meaning, “lord,” “master,” or even “sir.” But it was also the word chosen by the translators of the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, to render the divine name (rendered in the Hebrew as **YHWH**).

(Matthew 28:18; Acts 13:35–39; Acts 17:30–31)

Take Away

1. Receive - God’s wonderful provision for salvation!

2. Rejoice – Praise God for His wonderful provision for salvation!

“Jesus did not simply save us from something; He saved us for something. He saved us for a relationship with God, who loves us (John 3:16–18; Romans 5:10). By saving us from our sins, Jesus made reconciliation with God possible, allowing us to approach God as our heavenly Father (2 Corinthians 5:18–21; Hebrews 4:16). By His grace, not by our works, we are saved for an eternity with God, worshiping Him, enjoying Him, and being loved by Him forever (Ephesians 2:5–10).”