

## The Joy of Salvation

Luke 2:8-20

<sup>10</sup> 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; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

<sup>10</sup> As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, <sup>11</sup> seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look. I Peter 1:10-12

### The Looming Question of History,

How will a **perfect** God save for eternity those who sin has fundamentally **separated** them from God, sin which requires the **justice** of God?

<sup>21</sup> The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. Genesis 8:21

John Gill,

*“Not carnal, but spiritual; not feigned but real; not temporary but lasting, even as such as cannot be taken away nor intermeddled with; and not small but great, even joy unspeakable and full of glory.”*

### The Results of Christ’s Coming (vs. 14)

#### A. **Glory to God.**

He is **supreme**, **infinite**, **holy** and **incomparable**.

Theological terminology:

Omnipresent – everywhere present

Omnipotent – all powerful

Omniscient – all knowing

<sup>9</sup> But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

Hebrews 2:9-10

“Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> “He will not cry out or raise *His voice*, nor make His voice heard in the street. <sup>3</sup> “A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> “He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law.” <sup>5</sup> Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it, <sup>6</sup> “I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness from the prison. <sup>8</sup> “I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images. Isaiah 42:1-8

## B. Peace among men.

<sup>6</sup>For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>9</sup>For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup>strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. <sup>13</sup>For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup>and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. <sup>21</sup>And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— Colossians 1:9-22