

It's a Time for Celebration!

It's Time for Christmas - Part 2

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Scripture in ESV unless indicated

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 of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:8-10 (NIV)

Three Reasons to Celebrate

1. God _____ you.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

God is love. 1 John 4:16

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35, 37-39

2. God is _____ you.

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. Psalms 139:7-10

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." Hebrews 13:5 (TEV)

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Genesis 2:18

God sets the lonely in families. Psalm 68:6 (NIV)

3. God is _____ you.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

The Big Idea: No matter who you are, where you've come from, or what you've done in your life, the Good News is for _____. And that is worth celebrating!