



GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

Luke 2:10-14~December 25, 2022~Pastor D R Hilken

THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS = YOU MATTER TO GOD

"The angel said, 'Don't be afraid! I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! Today your Savior was born... He is Christ, the Lord ... Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace among the people who please God.'" Luke 2:10-11, 14 (NCV)

SO, THIS CHRISTMAS ...

1. ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT OF TRUE **HAPPINESS** (JOY)

- "... I bring you the most joyful news ever announced"
NOT – I've been waiting to make your life **MISERABLE**
- Jesus: "I came to give life -- life in all its fullness."

John 10:10

2. ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT OF **HOPE**

- "... Today your Savior was born!"

Our greatest **NEED**

Forgiveness ~ Freedom ~ Fulfillment

Remember the lifeguard lesson: You Cannot **SAVE YOURSELF**

- "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it." John 3:17 (LB)

3. ACCEPT GOD'S GIFT OF **HARMONY**

- "... Let there be peace among the people."

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- "God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" 2 Corinthians 5:18

Thanks be to God for his gift (**SALVATION**) that is too wonderful for words

2 Corinthians 9:15