

Christmas

Infinite Love From Our Infinite God

Luke 2:8-14

Christmas means Different Things to Different People.

Do we Prepare for Christmas but Forget whose Birthday it Really is?

The fact that God made the Announcement to Shepherds helps us to understand the REAL Meaning of Christmas...

In that one announcement, God tells US some very important TRUTHS:

1. GOD KNOWS YOU, AND YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO HIM.

- Throughout scripture, we see God Honoring & Using people & things that the *World often Overlooks* or *Ignores*. (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)
- **GOD** uses the Lowly & Despised to *show His Power*.
- If God cares about Shepherds, He cares about YOU! (1 Cor. 1:25)
- At some point, we've ALL felt Alone, Rejected & Hopeless... THEN...Christmas Comes.

2. YOUR LIFE MATTERS, BECAUSE GOD LOVES YOU.

- *Is this LIFE Really Worthwhile?*
- *It's Impossible to LIVE*, even for a *Few Moments* on this earth & NOT Influence Somebody in one way or another.
- **EVERYBODY'S Life COUNTS** for Something.
- Mary's **BABY** Changed the world.

3. YOUR FAITH MATTERS, TOO.

- *These Shepherds* probably had More Faith than the *Scribes & Pharisees* who went to the Synagogue every day.
- *God's Chosen People* Prayed over & over, "Let the Messiah come. Let Him come Today!"
- *Many* Quit Praying & Gave Up on their faith.

- We **Wonder** if it's **Worth** it all...But one day He **WILL** Come **Again**.
- One day, we'll say, "It was **Worth** it. It was Worth it **ALL!**"