Christmas Touch: A Time To Touch Your Neighbors Luke 2:1-7

WE celebrate Christmas as a TIME of HOW GOD has TOUCHED US...

Christmas is also a TIME to SHOW How that Same TOUCH can affect OTHERS.

THREEp TOUCHES from God that Unfold in the story of the Birth of Jesus...

- 1. God TOUCHES Us All Through <u>HIS-TORY</u>. (vv.1-2)
- It was time...TIME to be COUNTED.
- God used Events of <u>Human History</u> to offer His <u>Greatest Gift</u>.
- It was <u>NOT TIME</u> for "NO NEW TAXES!"
- Even through Paying Taxes, God TOUCHES us.

God TOUCHES Us All In Our <u>HOMETOWN</u>. (vv.3-5)

- It was time... TIME to go HOME.
- Problem was...it WASN'T really HOME.
- It was time... TIME to get some <u>REST</u>.
- ALL the Hotel Signs were <u>Flashing</u>, "<u>NO VACANCY</u>."

3. God TOUCHES Others Through Our HOSPITALITY. (vv.6-7)

- It was time...TIME to give <u>BIRTH</u>.
- But Remember...<u>GOD</u> is the <u>Father</u> of this child.
- It was a time...a TIME for COMPASSION.
- Apparently, the Innkeeper <u>Saw</u> the Need, <u>Came</u> to their Rescue & <u>Showed</u> a <u>Degree</u> of <u>HOSPITALITY</u>. (Proverbs 19:17)
- Christmas is a TIME to <u>MAKE ROOM</u> FOR <u>OTHERS</u> in our lives.
- The bottom line is... **PEOPLE** around us, **NEED** US.
- It's time...a TIME to BE LIGHT to our Community.
- Christmas is a great time to Start Behaving like a Christian. (Romans 12:9-13; Gal. 6:10)
- God <u>MADE ROOM</u> for us in His heart...(John 3:16a)
- It's TIME for us to <u>MAKE ROOM</u> for <u>OTHERS</u>.