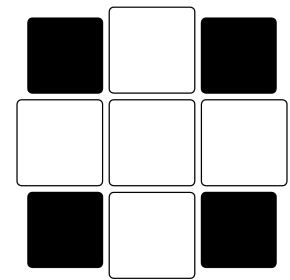


The Joy of the Incarnation

Scripture: **Luke 2:8–10**

Series: **Advent 2017: The Incarnation**

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Overview

The incarnation means that our Savior has arrived, communion with God is restored, reconciliation achieved, and adoption bestowed. Because of the incarnation we no longer have to fear. There is great darkness and great light surrounding the incarnation. There is great fear and great joy. The presence of a holy God exposes our shame, but the incarnation of Jesus Christ brings good news of great joy that reminds us to throw off all false security blankets, To fear not, and to embrace our Savior Christ the Lord. **The joy of the incarnation destroys all fears.**

Corroborating Texts

Luke 2; Isaiah 6; Exodus 3:5-6; Genesis 3; Exodus 3:7-8; 2 Corinthians 4:6

Discussion Questions

1. Did you know about Linus' security blanket before you heard the sermon? What a great illustration!
2. Who do the shepherds represent? [outcasts and sinners who Jesus came to save]
3. Are you going through a time of spiritual darkness? Do you sometimes question God? Do you find yourself unregenerate or unrepentant? Do you see that this is, at its root, disbelief?
4. With the knowledge that God is **omnipresent** (present everywhere) and **omniscient** (all knowing) and that nothing is hidden from him, why do we fear? [we are ashamed and exposed]
5. What are the false security blankets that you put your trust in? [finances, family, having your house in order, can't be alone, beards, education, politicians, our own status, etc.]
6. What gives us great joy and security and makes us like Linus to drop our blankets and raise our hands? [the good news of incarnation—that our Savior has come to reconcile us to God!]
7. Because fear has been destroyed by the joy of the incarnation, what should we now do? [glorify God (seek and love Him), praise God for what he has done, proclaim God to our neighbors]