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## Good News

Luke 2:8-11

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12-25-22

Introduction: We are gathered this Christmas morning to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

1. The story of Immanuel ... God with us.
2. For most of human history, this kind of story would be measured by the question: Is it true?
3. But lately, things have changed, truth is now relative, and a new question is asked: Is it good?
4. This presents a problem.
5. In our culture, more and more religion in general, and Christianity in particular is seen as bad, harmful, even dangerous.
6. It's not just Christianity, the same thing is happening with our history.
7. There are many reasons for this cultural shift, but perception has to be a part.
8. Let me explain.

### I. Christ's Birth Was Described As Good

- A. Good News
- B. Great Joy
- C. All People
- D. Savior

### II. Thirty Years Later We See Why

- A. End Of The Law
- B. Access By Grace

### III. What Happened?

- A. Spiritual Warfare
- B. Bad Experience
- C. Poor Messaging

### IV. Christ And Christianity Are Good

- A. God's Love
- B. God's Grace

Conclusion: Spiritual warfare will continue.

1. But we have incredible ability to change perceptions on Christ and Christianity.
2. God's love and grace are powerful. They can change hearts and minds.
3. That's why Christmas is good news that brings great joy to all people!