THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS

November 25, 2018 Pastor Aaron Pacheco

1. Celebration!

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Luke 2: 8-10 (NIV)

A. God Loves us!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

B. God is With us!

...God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

C. God is For us!

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17 (NIV)

2. Reconciliation!

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:14 (NKJV)

⁹ Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 (NKJV)

It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.

Acts 10:35 (MSG)

3. Salvation!

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11 (NKJV)

A. <u>Saved from</u> my sin.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

B. <u>Saved for</u> a purpose.

He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace.

2 Timothy 1:9 (GNT)

C. <u>Saved by</u> God's grace.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

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