The Good News—Luke 2:10-18
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Exactly, two weeks from today, Christmas gifts will be exchanged! Question: What gift keeps giving the whole year round? No, I am not talking about the "jelly-of-the-month club" that Clark Griswold received in *Christmas Vacation*. The gift I am referring to is the Gospel, which means the ***good news*** of Jesus!

In his description of Jesus' birth, Luke writes that an angel appeared at night to shepherds near the town of Bethlehem where Jesus had been born, also known as the town of David. The shepherds were terrified when they saw the angel and his radiance.

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you ***good news*** that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ''Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'" Luke 2:10-14

God chose lowly shepherds, who were often looked down upon, to tell others the ***good news*** of Jesus' birth! Luke writes in verses 17 and 18, "When the shepherds had seen Jesus, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."

Please join me in prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your son, Jesus, Savior, Messiah, and Lord. This is truly ***good news***—the Gospel. Thank you for showing us through the shepherds that every person regardless of their status has an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus. During this Christmas season, may we give the gift that keeps on giving by sharing the hope of the Gospel through our words and actions. With humble respect for all faiths and backgrounds, I pray this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN