

Fear Not
“Afraid of Where you Stand with God”
Luke 2:8-11
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⁸ 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. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:8-11

THREE REASONS THE SHEPHERDS FELT DISTANT FROM GOD

- **They Felt unworthy .**
- **They Felt inadequate .**
- **They Felt unloved**

THE GOOD NEWS

²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. ²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law...²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Romans 3:20-22 (NLT)

1) You cannot earn God’s Acceptance by observing the Law .

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2) The Purpose of The Law is to Show you your Need for a Savior .

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3) Righteousness with God comes by Faith in Christ Alone.

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Discussion Questions

1. In what ways might you feel distant from God?
2. What steps do you need to take to focus less on religion and more on your relationship with Christ?
3. How have you been changed by the good news of Jesus Christ?
4. With your Bible, or your Bible App, read and discuss Luke 2:8-11 and Romans 3:20-24.
5. Are there certain times in your life or certain situations where you feel more distant from God than others? If so, what are they?
6. What does your relationship with Christ look like right now? What’s good and what might need improvement?
7. Describe how you came to know that you needed a Savior.
8. Pastor Shawn said that religion focuses more on the external, while Jesus focuses on the internal. Which are you more focused on? The external or the internal? Explain.
9. Who do you know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus Christ this Christmas? What can you do to share the good news with them?