

## Christmas Message-III

### THE LOVE, JOY & PEACE OF JESUS' BIRTH

Luke 2:1-20 with focus on verses 10,11 and 14:

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...Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

1. When you hear the word "Christmas" what do you think about? In what ways is Jesus lost in the Christmas season? What things at Christmas, such as symbols or shows or songs help you to focus on Jesus?
2. Contrast Caesar's throne with Jesus' manger (1-7). What does this show us about God's way of working contrasted with the world's quest for wealth and power? What does it foreshadow about Jesus' life (Isa 53:5-6)?
3. Find out what you can about Jesus in verses 10-11. How is he: Savior (Mt 1:21)? Messiah (Isa 9:7)? What was the sign (12)? How was Jesus a shepherd ruler (Mt 2:6; Jn 10:11)?
4. How is Jesus' birth glory to God (14)? How does Jesus bring peace to people (Isa 9:6; Ro 5:1)?
5. In what ways is Jesus' coming to us God's love for us (Jn 1:12; 3:16; Ro 5:8; 1Pe 2:24; 1Jn 4:9)? What is the most appropriate response to God's love to you?