

**Be Reformed** – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

**Be Charismatic** – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

**Be Community** – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

**Be Missional** – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

## Luke 2:1-20

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths

and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### ALSO READ:

1 Corinthians 1:18-19

Isaiah 55:6-9

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### Summary

We are all God's work in the making. God directs every one of our steps and knows what lies ahead for us. When we have faith that God is working for our good, we are able to do the things that please Him. We are not here to please and serve ourselves. Until we understand that we will never come close to understanding life.

Jesus came to earth in humility. Not only the ultimate humility of God becoming man, but he also lived a simple life as a carpenter.

God sent His Son to die for us – evil, wretched people. Jesus was a free gift, a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Jesus is coming back again to rule and judge the world. What shall we say when we face God at the end of days? What have we done with His gift – Jesus Christ?

### Key points

Life is not about us. Until we realize it is all about God, we will never understand our purpose.

### Explanation

>>What does the bible say happens when we die?

>>What does the birth of Jesus tell us about God's intentions for us?

>>Why is the birth of Jesus good news?

### Application

>>Since Jesus is coming back, what should our attitude to life be?

>>We remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus because it is a significant point in the life and mission Jesus. Let us recall and reaffirm all that God has done through the life and death of Jesus Christ His Son.

### Final thoughts

Without the transformation that comes from a life changed by Jesus Christ, celebrating Christmas is meaningless.