

SENT: “The Coming Christ” Part 4

“The Lord says, ‘Shout and rejoice, O beautiful Jerusalem, for I am coming to live among you. Many nations will join themselves to the Lord on that day, and they, too, will be my people. I will live among you, and you will know that the Lord of Heaven’s Armies sent me to you.’ Zechariah 2:10-11

A. Jesus is the Good News...

1. In the past, the Law was the foundation and direction of the pathway to God.
2. In the past, God’s people consisted of the small remnant of the Jewish line of followers with a few Gentiles.
3. Faith has always been the pathway to God.
4. But Jesus took this Good News even further and called us to share with everyone in our world.

“And then he told them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.’ Mark 16:15

B. Jesus brought the Good News for all...

1. To whoever would call on the Name of the Lord. *“for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” Romans 10:13*
2. To whoever would seek after Jesus with their whole heart. *“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’” Matthew 22:37*
3. To whoever would receive this gift of grace! *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—” Ephesians 2:8*

4. To whoever would be willing to take up his cross and follow Him! *“Then he said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.’” Luke 9:23*

C. The Good News of Jesus brought joy...

1. The angels announced the arrival of Jesus with joy. *“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 2:10*
2. All heaven rejoiced in this celebration. *“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 2:13-14*
3. The shepherds rejoiced in this wonderful Gift. *“When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.” Luke 2:16*
4. And even up to two years later, the Wise Men from the East found the Savior in His home, and worshipped Him while presenting gifts with joy! *“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Matthew 2:10-11*

D. Good News always needs to be shared...

1. A chain response of Good News was shared by the angels, the shepherds, and all who came in contact with them.
2. Good News is always better when it is shared.
3. Good News is transformational.
4. Good News calls for a response. *“As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 9:13*

E. I have Good News...

1. I am forgiven! *“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.” Colossians 2:13*
2. I am accepted! *“For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:21*
3. I am adopted! *“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.” Romans 8:15a*
4. I am free! *“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Romans 8:36*
5. I am not alone! *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.” John 14:16* *“For God has said, ‘I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.’” Hebrews 13:5b*

F. So...who will hear of your Good News?

1. Will they see it in my life?
2. Will they hear it in my conversation?
3. Will they be aware of it by my choices?
4. Will my values reflect the Good News?

The Good News is not just for those who have never heard... Or who have never received... But for all of us, no matter what our circumstances or stage in life! Jesus is the Good News for all! So share your Good News!

Your Advent-ure is to continue to let your light shine all year!!