

**GO TO BETHLEHEM**  
**Part 2: WITH THE SHEPHERDS**  
**December 9, 2018**

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 (NIV)

**WHY JESUS CAME**

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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 2:8-14 (NIV)

- **Jesus came as = SAVIOR:** To \_\_\_\_\_ from my \_\_\_\_\_.
- MESSIAH (CHRIST):** \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
- LORD:** One to Whom \_\_\_\_\_.

"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger." Luke 2:15-16 (NIV)

**WHY I FEEL UNWORTHY OF  
A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

- \_\_\_\_\_ over past or ongoing sin
- \_\_\_\_\_ myself to others
- \_\_\_\_\_ to change on my own
- \_\_\_\_\_ perception of me

## HOW I BECOME WORTHY OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

"God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."  
Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ **OF A RELATIONSHIP**  
**WITH GOD** \_\_\_\_\_.

"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."  
II Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

2. I AM \_\_\_\_\_ **BY WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE.**

"He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds."  
Titus 2:14 (NLT)

3. **BEING MADE WORTHY** \_\_\_\_\_ **TO LIVE FOR HIM AND**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **THE** \_\_\_\_\_.

"When they had seen Him, 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."  
Luke 2:17-18 (NIV)

### MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- Have I accepted Christ as my Savior?
- Have I been baptized?
  - Check box on back of Communication Card.
- Have my thoughts, words and actions changed as a result of accepting Christ?
- Do I share the Good News with others?
- Have I invited an un-Churched friend to our Christmas Eve services at 4:00 P.M. and/or 5:30 P.M.