

The Joy of Christmas

Luke 2:8-20

I. Here are some details of the story of the shepherds.

- A.** It was during their _____ season. V. 8
- B.** They had a _____ encounter with an angel. V. 9
- C.** Their first response was to be _____. V. 9
- D.** The angel assures them that this encounter was a _____ one. V. 10
- E.** The angel's message was that the Old Testament _____ of The Messiah being born in Bethlehem were being fulfilled. V. 11
- F.** The shepherds would discover a sign _____ this fulfillment. V. 12
- G.** They found the _____. V. 15-17
- H.** They spread the _____ of the birth of the Messiah. V. 17-18, 20

II. How can we apply their experiences to our lives?

- A.** Celebrating the coming of the Messiah is _____ exclusively a seasonal event.
- B.** Faith is _____ because we will not all have supernatural encounters to validate our beliefs. **John 20:27-29**
- C.** The real Christmas message is the _____ of the person of Jesus Christ.
- D.** _____ to this revelation shows that one's faith is real. **James 2:17-19**
- E.** The proper _____ to the revelation of Jesus Christ is to tell others and match the message with character and loving actions