

**Random Christmas:
Shepherds
Luke 2:8-20
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1. **Linus and Security**
2. **God wants watchers and witnesses**

[Luke 2:8 \(ESV\)](#)

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

God knows all about us

God isn't random in choosing us

3. **Fear not**

[Luke 2:9-11 \(ESV\)](#)

⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and in the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

We fear God because we don't know His character

[Romans 2:4 \(ESV\)](#)

⁴Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

4. **Faith**

[Luke 2:12 \(ESV\)](#)

¹²And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Faith doesn't always match our expectations

Faith is based on reality, not blindness

¹³And 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!

You can please God

[Hebrews 11:6 \(ESV\)](#)

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Faith leads to Action

[Luke 2:15-20 \(ESV\)](#)

¹⁵When 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" ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen as it had been told them.