The Greatest Gift – Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) Outline By: Mark Knowles 12/22/13 AM

Introduction

- 1. In Luke 2:10-11 an angel of the Lord visits some shepherds in a field watching over their flock at night. They were the first to hear and to celebrate the wonderful birth of the Son of God. It was a special gift for given to them for it was the news of great joy!
- 2. It is also a gift for you and me. It is actually the greatest gift ever given!

I. Unto You...A Personal Gift

- a. Jesus The Greatest Gift Is For Me!
 - i. Galatians 2:20 He loved me and gave himself up for me
 - ii. Jesus died for my sins and ever lives to help me

II. <u>Is Born...A Precious Gift</u>

- a. Jesus The Greatest Gift Is Priceless!
 - i. Galatians 4:4-7 He was born to redeem me and that I may become a son and heir
 - ii. Hebrews 2:9, 17-18 Jesus can relate with me and aid me in my troubles
 - iii. 1 John 4:14-16; 5:20 There is nothing more precious than knowing Jesus for He gives me eternal life! That is priceless!

III. This Day...A Purposeful Gift

- a. Jesus The Greatest Gift Is Useful!
 - i. John 3:16 Having faith in Jesus means a life worth living
 - ii. John 10:10 An abundant life today and after death
 - iii. Ephesians 1:3-23 He is blessed me with every spiritual blessing
 - iv. Ephesians 2:7-10 Jesus brings the gift of grace so I can live for God

IV. <u>In The City Of David...A Prophetic Gift</u>

- a. Jesus The Greatest Gift Was Planned Before Time!
 - i. Matthew 2:6 Jesus came from lineage of David
 - ii. John 7:42 Jesus who will be my shepherd

V. A Savior...A Practical Gift

- a. Jesus The Greatest Gift Because Everyone Needs Him!
 - i. Romans 3:23 All of us have sinned against God
 - ii. Romans 6:23 The penalty for sin is death and God's wrath
 - iii. Acts 17:30-31 God now sent Jesus to turn us from our sins
 - iv. Romans 7:24-8:4 Who can save me from my sins? Only Jesus!
- **b.** Do you need Jesus?
 - i. Acts 4:12 Only one who can save us
 - ii. John 5:24 If we will hear and believe we pass out of judgment into eternal life

VI. Christ The Lord—A Powerful Gift

- a. Jesus Is The Greatest Gift Because He Is The Gift To End All Gifts
 - i. No other gift can change your life like Jesus! 2 Corinthians 9:15
 - ii. Romans 5:12, 15; 6:23; Ephesians 2:4-9