THE GREATEST GIFT

L Luke 2:1-20

- A. <u>**Do not be afraid</u>** First inclination of mankind when coming into contact with the glory of the LORD is to be greatly afraid.</u>
 - a) Matt 14:27 Jesus walking on the sea
 - b) Matt 17:5-7 Jesus, Moses and Elijah
- B. Good Tidings euaggelizo To announce good news (evangelize)
 - 1. Insult from a fool might be a compliment and a compliment from a fool might be an insult.
- C. Joy chara Cheerfulness, calm delight; state of gladness and happiness
- D. Great megas Large quantity, extensive, big, great
- E. Bring To carry with you from one place to another
 - 1. James 1:17 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
- II. Luke 2:11- The Gift
 - A. Born to you Direction of benefit; God coming to you
 - 1. Isa 9:6 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given
 - 2. John 15:16 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you
 - 3. <u>2 Chron 16:9</u> Eyes searching to show Himself to
 - 4. Luke 19:10 Seek and to save that which was lost
 - 5. Luke 15 Parables of kingdom of heaven
 - a) Shepherd and the lost sheep
 - b) Woman and the lost coin
 - c) Father and the lost son
 - 6. Ezek 34:11 I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.
 - B. <u>Savior</u> soter (sozo) Deliverer, save, rescue
- III. Process of buying a gift:
 - A. <u>Planning</u> Not about yourself what's good for them
 - 1. John 6:38
 - 2. Luke 22:42

- B. Payment It's going to cost someone to give a gift
 - 1. <u>1 Peter 1:18-19</u> but with the precious blood of Christ,
- C. Presentation Love causes you to give Love is the motivation
 - 1. John 3:16-17
- IV. Luke 2:14 -
 - A. Glory to God in the highest Glory, credit, praise goes up
 - B. Peace eirene State of freedom from anxiety and inner turmoil
 - C. <u>Ps 84:11</u>
- V. Your gift to God YOU!
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 - 1. Matt 16:25-26
 - B. Payment It's going to cost someone to give a gift
 - 1. Luke 14:27-28 Count the cost
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