



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Hearts Prepared For Christmas

Luke 2:10  
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**Luke 2:10** *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."*

### 1. Remembering who God is

God is love. God sent His only Son to us at Christmas time because He loves us.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

This is what love is. And God is love. This is who God is.

### 2. Being thankful for what He has done

It's impossible to be anxious or depressed when you are being thankful.

**Colossians 3:15** *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.*

These two things, God's peace in your heart and being thankful are very closely connected. To have a peaceful heart this Christmas, remain focused on and thankful for all that God has done for you.

### 3. Hoping in what He has planned

You'll never be disappointed when you're looking forward to what God has planned for you. God's plans for you are 100% certain.

**Ephesians 2:6-7** *And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

The fact that this is written in past tense shows us how much our future is guaranteed. Our spiritual position now is that we're already seated with Jesus in the heavenly realms.