



<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-14

1. The songs of Christmas are filled with both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**American Atheists billboard in Times Square:  
Keep the MERRY! Dump the \_\_\_\_\_!**

... <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. Luke 1:3-4

2. The purpose of the songs of Christmas is to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

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3. The only real peace comes from a life-changing \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.

"... and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14b

- No Christ, no peace
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

**Next steps for today's message:**

- Memorize Luke 2:14, *Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*
- Read Luke 2:1-20 as a part of my Christmas celebration.
- Give an unexpected gift to an unsuspecting person this week in honor of Jesus' birthday.