***December 3, 2017 / Ministry With Christ / 2017 Theme / Christmas Series: Let There Be Peace***

**“Magnify The Lord…”**

**Luke 2:8-17 / Psalm 34:3-4**

***Luke 2:8-17 KJV21 -*** *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.* ***9****And lo, the* ***angel of the Lord*** *came upon them, and the* ***glory*** *of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.* ***10****And the* ***angel said*** *unto them,* ***“Fear not,*** *for behold, I bring you* ***good tidings of great joy****, which shall be to* ***all people****.* ***11****For* ***unto you is born*** *this day in the City of David a* ***Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12****And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”* ***13****And* ***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, good will toward men!” 15****And it came to pass, when the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.”* ***16****And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.* ***17****And* ***when they had seen it, they made known abroad*** *the saying which was told them concerning this Child.*

***Psalm 34:3-4 NKJV -******Oh, magnify the Lord****with me, And* ***let us exalt His name*** *together.* ***4****I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And* ***delivered me from all my fears****.*

1. **The Lord!**

***Psalm 34:3 NKJV -******Oh, magnify the Lord****with me, And* ***let us exalt His name*** *together.*

When he says magnify the Lord, he doesn't mean that you are to make God big, but you are to see Him big. –A.W. Tozer

***Isaiah 7:14 NLT -*** *All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look!* ***The virgin will conceive*** *a child!* ***She will give birth to a son*** *and will call him* ***Immanuel*** *(which means ‘****God is with us****’).*

***Jeremiah 32:27 NKJV*** *- “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh****. Is there anything too hard for Me?***

***Isaiah 9:6 VOICE*** *- Hope of all hopes, dream of our dreams, a child is born, sweet-breathed;* ***a son is given to us: a living gift…***

***Luke 2:11 NIV -*** *…****A Savior has been born to you****; he is* ***Christ the Lord****.*

***Hebrews 13:5 NIV*** *- …****God*** *has said, "****Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”***

***1 Samuel 17:45-46 VOICE -*** *You come to me carrying a* ***sword*** *and* ***spear*** *and* ***javelin****as your weapons, but* ***I come armed with the name of the Eternal One, the Commander of heavenly armies, the True God of the armies of Israel****, the One you have insulted.****46****This very day, the* ***Eternal One will give you into my hands****…*

***Psalm 34:3 NKJV -******Oh, magnify the Lord****with me...*

1. **The Lord!**

* ***Psalm 34:3-4 / Luke 2:10-14***

***Philippians 2:9-11 NIV84 -*** *Therefore* ***God exalted him to the highest place*** *and gave him the* ***name that is above every name,*** *10 that at the* ***name of Jesus every knee should bow,*** *in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and* ***every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,*** *to the glory of God the Father.*

***Isaiah 9:7 VOICE*** *-* ***His leadership*** *will bring such* ***prosperity*** *as you’ve never seen before—****sustainable peace for all time****. This child: God’s promise to David—****a throne forever****, among us, to* ***restore sound leadership*** *that cannot be perverted or shaken. He will* ***ensure justice without fail and absolute equity****.* ***Always****.* ***The intense passion of the Eternal, Commander of heavenly armies, will carry this to completion.***

***John 3:16 AMP*** *- For* ***God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son****, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have* ***eternal (everlasting) life****.*

***1 John 4:18 NIV - There is no fear in love.*** *But* ***perfect love drives out fear…***

***Zephaniah 3:16-17 NIV -*** *On that day they will say to Jerusalem,* ***"Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp****. 17 The LORD your God is* ***with*** *you, he is* ***mighty*** *to save. He will take* ***great delight*** *in you, he will* ***quiet*** *you with his love, he will* ***rejoice*** *over you with singing."*

***Isaiah 43:1-3 NIV84 –*** *“…****Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine****.  2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3* ***For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior****…”*

1. **His Name!**

* ***Luke 2:17 / Psalm 34:3***

***Matthew 1:21 AMP - She******will*** *bear a Son, and* ***you******shall*** *call His* ***name Jesus*** *[the* ***Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua, which means Savior****], for* ***He will save His people from their sins*** *[that is, prevent them from failing and missing the true end and scope of life, which is God].*

***Luke 1:31-33 NIV -*** *You will be with child and give birth to a son…****give him the name Jesus****.* ***32******He will be great*** *and will be called the* ***Son of the Most High****. The Lord God will* ***give him the throne of his father David****,* ***33*** *and he will* ***reign*** *over the house of Jacob forever;* ***his kingdom will never end.”***

***Isaiah 9:6-7 NLT -*** *For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,* ***Prince of Peace.******7His government and its peace will never end. He will******rule with fairness and justice*** *from the throne of his ancestor David**for all eternity.**The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies**will make this happen!*

***Romans 10:13 NLT*** *- For* ***“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14****But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And* ***how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?*** *And how can they hear about him* ***unless someone tells them? 15****And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”*

***Acts 4:12 NIV*** *-* ***Salvation is found in no one else****, for* ***there is no other name*** *under heaven given to men by which we must be* ***saved****.*

***Acts 1:8 NIV - “****But* ***you will receive power*** *when the* ***Holy Spirit*** *comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”*

* **We exist to do the MINISTRY of Christ; in the LOVE of Christ; for the of Christ; by the POWER of Christ!**

***Romans 1:16 NKJV -*** *For* ***I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone*** *who believes...*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!