

# Reason to Rejoice!

Luke 1 & 2

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What do Mary, Zechariah, the Angels and the Shepherds all have in common in their response?

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Why? They see \_\_\_\_\_

What is more exciting than this?

We have to consciously decide where we are going to put our

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## **2 Corinthians 10:5**

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Zechariah identifies two things God has done for us through Christ that was cause for rejoicing...

1. God through the sending of Jesus provided us \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 1:68, 1 Peter 1:18-21, Ephesians 1:7

2. Means we have \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 1:77

Focus on what we have to look forward to...

Colossians 3:1-3

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

All this is true because of what is true of our God to which both Mary and Zechariah speak to... Luke 1:50, 77-78

The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Think about what difference this makes.

Finally the Angels tell us what this provides for us Luke 2:14

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Take a step back and evaluate where your heart is at right now. How much of it is related to your current focus? Any change necessary?

Are you in need of being able to see God at work? What are you going to do about it?

Look at the areas we talked about today which one(s) are you most thankful for and why?

How much are you experiencing the peace of God in your life right now? Why? What are you going to do about it?