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In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)



GOD CAN OVERCOME CHALLENGES IN MY LIFE





“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Micah 5:2 (NIV)





His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said. But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God?”

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:18-20 (NIV)





And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)





But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

Galatians 4:4 (NLT)





God can turn challenges
in my life into
opportunities.

I need to trust Him.

GOD CAN WORK IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS

- *God can overcome challenges in my life*





He went there to register with Mary, **who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)





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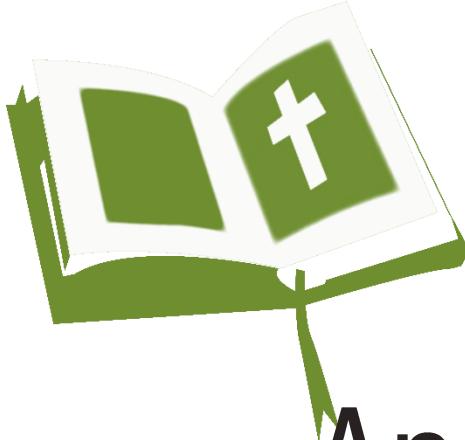


God is at work when my
life seems out of control.

THERE IS ACTUALLY GOOD NEWS THAT CAUSES GREAT JOY

- *God can overcome challenges in my life*
- *God can work in the midst of chaos*





And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)





Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

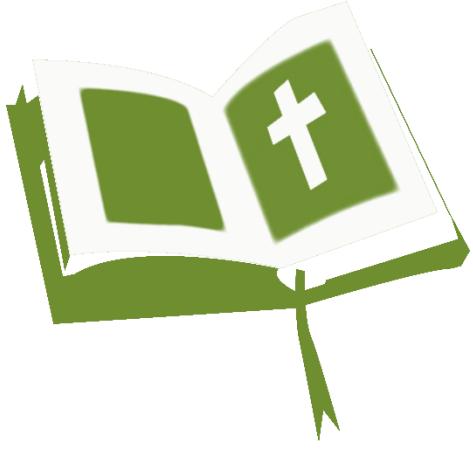




For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:10 (NIV)





God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)



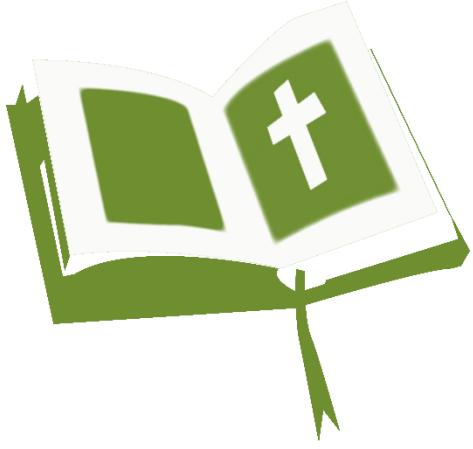
I'll never be saved from what I
deserve until I acknowledge that
I'm lost and need a Savior!

Am I saved or am I lost?



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Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

John 3:3 (NIV)





If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)





for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:13 (NIV)

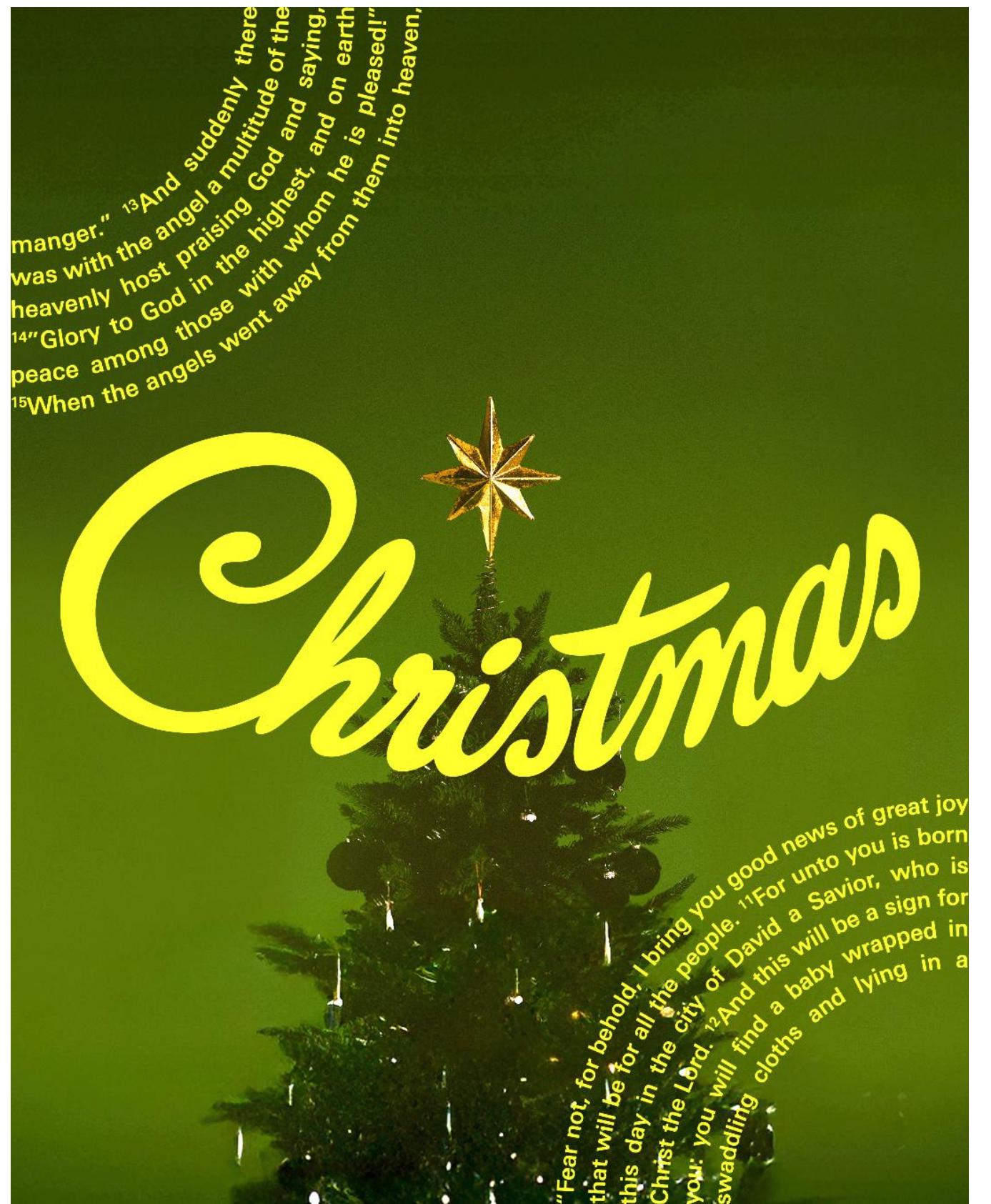




Christmas is more than celebrating the birth of a baby in a manger; it's about understanding the purpose behind that birth.

Jesus was born to die for my sins so I can be saved.

If I want to really celebrate
Christmas, I will recognize my need
for a Savior and commit my life to
Him.



I DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID TO COME TO JESUS

- *God can overcome challenges in my life*
- *God can work in the midst of chaos*
- *There is actually good news that causes great joy*



This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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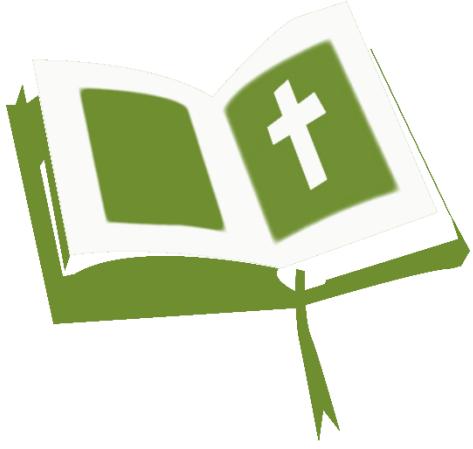




“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9 (NIV)





No one is like you, Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Who should not fear you, King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise leaders of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you.

Jeremiah 10:6-7 (NIV)



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God made Himself small
for me!

God didn't just reveal who He is. He came to us in the least intimidating way imaginable.

He came as a baby in a manger.

God loves you! God thinks about you! God wants to be approachable, so you will come to Him.

"Fear not,
that will
this day
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WHEN I REALLY GRASP THIS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP IT TO MYSELF

- *God can overcome challenges in my life*
- *God can work in the midst of chaos*
- *There is actually good news that causes great joy*
- *I don't have to be afraid to come to Jesus*



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

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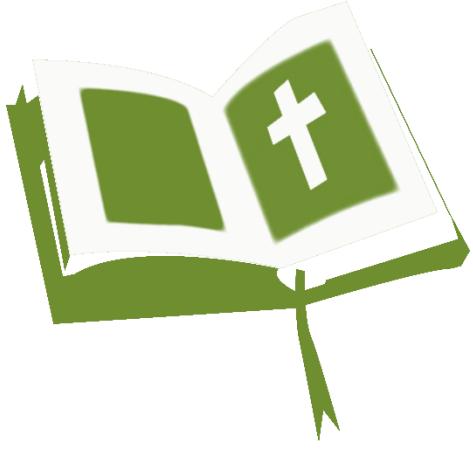




When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)





But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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