

THERE IS GOOD NEWS

In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. (Luke 2:8-9)

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
Amazing Grace*

But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” (Luke 2:10)

Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Christ, the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger. Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors! When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. The shepherds returned, *glorifying and praising God* for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told. (Luke 2:12-20)

The Christmas message is good news that He is enough, not good advice of how we can be enough.

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Reflection Question:
How does the message of Christmas bring you rest from striving?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.