

WAITING ON GOD



Word:

Luke 2:4-11

“⁴ 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. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ 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.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

It was roughly about 2000 years from the time of Abraham to the time of the birth of Jesus.

It was roughly about 400 years since the last canon book of the Old Testament to the New Testament. (Note: Canon refers to writings that are authoritative for faith and religious practice by virtue of their divine inspiration). Since then, there was an awaited Messiah to come. When the Messiah was born, angels

appeared and brought the good news shepherds nearby.

Weas believers know that this Messiah is indeed Jesus Christ. The people of God has waited for this coming Messiah. As believers today we know the life and teaching of Jesus thanks to the bible. We know that He had a purpose and fulfilled it. We know that He died and rose again. We know that He is coming back. Until then we wait on God just like Israel did when they waited on the coming

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Messiah, their savior. We are to wait on God for the future He promised us. A world without sin in it.

However, we do not just sit idly by as we wait. Waiting on God means

we cling to Him. Waiting on God means we are to build up our spiritual life. Waiting on God means we are to fulfill our calling which is to share the good news.

Discussion:

1. Have you been clinging on to God lately? If so how? If not, why?
2. Are you building up your spiritual life? How so? If not, what will you do starting this week to build up your spiritual life? *(Maybe start with one of the spiritual disciplines we have learned from our previous series. Church gathering, etc.)*
3. In what ways are you fulfilling your calling as Christians to share the good news? *(Are you in a ministry team? Are you in a discipleship group or started your own discipleship group? Are you evangelizing? etc.)*