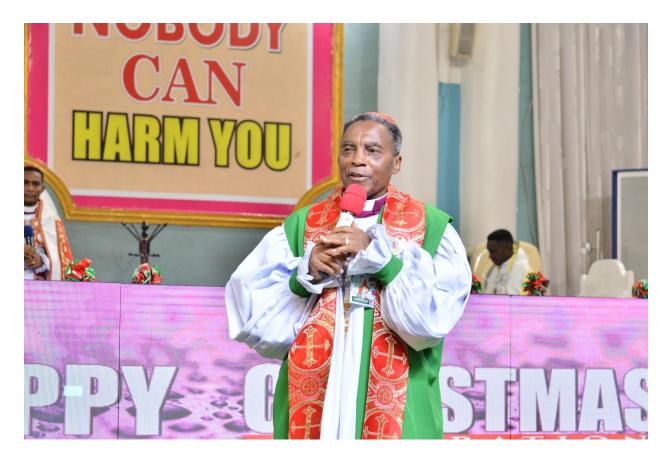
## **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

## DON'T BE AFRAID; THERE IS GOODNEWS OF SALVATION FOR EVERYONE

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**TEXT: LUKE 2:8-20** 

BIBLE REFERENCES: ISAIAH 9:6-7, MATTHEW 1:21-23, JOHN 21:25; 20:30, MATTHEW 15:29



The topic, *"Don't be afraid, there is good news of salvation for everyone"* was a message from an angel to a group of shepherd who were watching their sheep in the middle of the night. Everything that God does, it is done in such a way that it clears everyone's conscience. The angel who brought the message didn't go to some set of persons well known, but to shepherds and this is because Jesus Christ

was coming to live the life of a shepherd – the good shepherd for that matter.

"There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of God shown over them. They were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, 'Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!" Luke 2:8-11

According to the scripture, when the shepherds saw the angel, they were terribly afraid. Why were the shepherds afraid? It was because the news came at night and to their greatest surprise, the night changed to a mid-day – something that is not common.

Seeing that they were trembling in great fear, the angel consoled them saying, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!" After delivering the good news to the shepherds, a great army of angels from heaven appeared, praising God, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased." And having disappeared, the shepherds went to see the child and what they saw was exactly what the angel told them.

## Who is this Jesus that was born?

Jesus is the good news of salvation. According to **Isaiah 9:6-7**, Jesus was born for us to save us. No matter the condition (sickness) we are facing, Jesus will heal us and the whole world know that God's Grace Ministry is the centre of healing.

In **Matthew 1:21-23**, it is recorded that Jesus was conceived by a virgin, Mary and this shows that He is a wonderful child. God has come to save us through the birth of his son, Jesus Christ. The gift of Christ is the highest gift of God to us, human beings. Only believe in Jesus that your problems are finished. Today, may the son of God save you. May your sorrow turn into joy. May the good news of

salvation be your portion. Jesus is Emmanuel meaning that God is with us. May the Emmanuel, showing that God is with us, radiate in your life.

As my usual Christmas message, don't fail to give a gift during this season. Remember, when you give, God will give to you and he will give you more than what you have given. Don't only be a receiver. Even as you receive, take a step to also give, and you will see the blessings of God.

One of the activities of Jesus Christ as a Saviour was that, he healed the sick, physically challenged and all those under the oppression of the devil. All that Jesus did, no book on earth could contain them if they were to be written down. The few contained in the Bible were written so that you may believe and be saved.

"Now, there are many other things that Jesus did. If they were all written down one by one, I suppose that the whole world could not hold the books that would be written." John 21:25, GNT

"In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life." John 20:30-31.

In conclusion, I assure you that Jesus will not leave you alone. Large crowds came to Jesus bringing with them people with different kind of diseases and he healed them. Seeing the great miracles Jesus did, the people were all amazed and they praised God **(See Matthew 15:29-31).** Today, people will praise God for your sake. This good news of salvation, healing and deliverance that Jesus brought should manifest in your life not only in this season of Christmas but always in Jesus' name. Amen!

If you are blessed with this message, kindly tell us in the comment section. God bless you in Jesus' name. Amen!