

# **“GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!”**

## **Luke Chapters 1 – 2**

**(1:1-4) Luke’s “Eyewitness” News!**

**(1:5-38) Gabriel’s “Angelic” News!**

**(1:39-56) M&E (Mary & Elizabeth) “Good News” broadcast!**

**(1:57-80) Zacharias’ “Mute” News Alert!**

**(2:1-5) Roman News of the census!**

**(2:6-20) “Good News of Great Joy”! - “A SAVIOR IS BORN, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD!”**

**> Let’s receive this “Good News” -- Jesus is the SAVIOR & CHRIST!:**

**> “SAVIOR” GOOD NEWS!**

**- What is a SAVIOR?** Defined Biblically, “It’s a person who rescues others from evil, danger, or destruction. The Old Testament viewed God Himself as the Savior: *“There is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior”* (Isa 45:21). Because God is the source of salvation, He sent human deliverers to rescue His people, Israel (Ps 106:21; Isa 43:3,11). In the New Testament the word for savior describes both **God the Father** (1 Tim 1:1; Jude 25) and **Jesus Christ the Son** (Acts 5:31; Phil 3:20). The apostles rejoiced that in Christ, God had become the **“Savior of all men”** (1 Tim 4:10). He was the Savior of Gentiles as well as Jews. As Christians, we are exhorted to ***“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”*** (2 Peter 3:18).” (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

**- Here is SALVATION! - Titus 3:3-7** - *For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

**- Are you READY? - Philippians 3:20-21** - *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*

**> “CHRIST” GOOD NEWS!**

**(The word “CHRIST” is used 554 times in the New Testament.)**

**Definition: CHRIST (anointed one)** - a name for Jesus which showed that He was the long-awaited king and deliverer. For centuries the Jewish people had looked for a prophesied Messiah, a deliverer who would usher in a kingdom of peace and prosperity (Ps 110; Isa 32:1-8; Amos 9:13). (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

**- JESUS CHRIST HEALS! - Matthew 11:1-6**

**- JESUS CHRIST GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE! – John chapter 11**

**- JESUS CHRIST GIVES US THE KINGDOM OF GOD! - Matthew 16:13-19**

**- JESUS CHRIST LIVES IN YOU! - Galatians 2:20** - *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

**- JESUS CHRIST ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS! - John 14:13-14** - *And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

**- JESUS CHRIST GIVES US A NEW LIFE! - Colossians 3:12-17** - *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

**- JESUS CHRIST IS COMING FOR YOU! – 1 Thessalonians 4:13- 5:11**