

Would You Be an Angel?

Luke 2:8-20, Isaiah 9:1-10?

December 3, 2017; First Sunday in Advent

- **Dustin, would you be an angel and turn on these lights?**
- **What are angels?**
- **Not just nice people.**
- **Not cute little children.**

1. Angels are spiritual beings.

Hebrews 1:14 ***Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?***

- **We don't become angels when we die.**

2. Angels are primarily messengers.

- **Angels are also guardians.**

- **Angels are also warriors and destroyers.**

- **Angels praise God. And more.**

- **αγγελος means "messenger." מַלְאָךְ means "messenger."**

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Judges 13:3 ***The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, "You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son.***

- **To Samson's mother.**

3. Angels bring good news.

Luke 1:13 ***But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.***

Luke 1:35 *The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”*

Matthew 1:20 *But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 2:9-11 *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.*

■ **Gospel Presentation.**

■ **Think of how Jesus changes people’s lives.**

■ **How has He changed your life?**

- Sins are forgiven.

- **Death is a passageway**

- *(In Christ Alone: “No guilt in life, no fear in death.*

“This is the power of Christ in me.”

My funeral.)

- **You can be filled with the Holy Spirit**

Fruit of the Spirit

Gifts of the Spirit

Love as He loves.

■ **This Good News changes the world, one life at a time.**

■ **So angels are messengers who bring good news.**

■ **The Christmas Angels told the good news of Jesus!**

■ **We can do that!**

4. Believers spread good news.

Luke 2:17-18 ***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 8:39 ***“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.***

Acts 1:8 ***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***

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“The Lord desires perfect obedience from us, including praise and worship.

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- There is a rumor that Woodbury is going to close.
- Instead, God wants us to reach out and touch the community.
- Tell the good news
- Live the good news!
- Invite people to church.
- Share videos, booklets etc.
- Nearly 400 fliers will be mailed this week.
- Give out fliers
- Pray that people who receive them will be awakened by the Gospel.
- Spread Good News.
- Be an angel!

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