

**CHRISTMAS ACCORDING TO PEANUTS
LUKE 2:8-20 / DEC. 10, 2017 AM**

I. FIRST, CHRISTMAS IS GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE.

A. Who did God choose to be the first to hear this “breaking news” of Christmas?

B. Shepherding originally was an honorable profession.

C. Jews began to look down on shepherds as lower class people.

D. What does this tell us?

1. Jesus and the gospel is for everyone.

2. The message of Christmas is that everyone matters—2:10.

3. God doesn't condemn anyone—John 3:17.

II. SECOND, CHRISTMAS IS MEANT TO BE EXPERIENCED.

A. This is what the angel said to the shepherds—2:12.

1. These shepherds got the message—2:15-16.

2. It wasn't enough for them to just hear about the Savior.

B. There are many people today who have heard the Christmas story about Jesus over and over.

III. THIRD, CHRISTMAS IS MEANT TO BE SHARED.

A. After the shepherds saw Jesus for themselves they shared this good news with others—2:17-18.

B. Sharing this good news doesn't mean we have to become God's salesmen. It's more like being God's reporters.