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From the Pastor



## Bundle of Joy

We had a baby shower recently, and the little guy the shower was for is very cute. He is what one would call a “bundle of joy.”

When Mary and Joseph were holding their newborn baby boy, they were holding a “Bundle of Joy.” Look at what was said about this baby to a group of shepherds.

**Luke 2:9-12** *9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Savior— yes, the Messiah, the Lord— has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! 12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." (New Living Translation)*

Consider all the angels said.

First, this baby is good news. I think all babies are good news, but this one is even better news.

This baby will bring joy to all of mankind. I'm a proud parent, and when I tell people about my son, I brag on him a little bit (actually a lot). However, this baby is so special; He will bring joy to all people. Because this baby is special



We find out this child is the Savior, the Messiah, the Lord, the Savior who will save us all from sin, the Messiah who has been prophesied for generations. He is now here! The Lord, the ruler of all, is wrapped up in baby skin.

He was born in Bethlehem. Wow! Just like the prophet Micah said He would. Look at what Micah wrote almost 700 years before Jesus was born, showing the start of this Messiah fulfilling prophecy.

**Micah 5:2** *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past. (New Living Translation)*

Then the shepherds were told where He was. It was not a huge palace fit for the King of Kings. He was in a manger, a feeding trough for animals, wrapped in strips of clothes. This baby was available to all mankind. He was approachable. Our Savior came for us.

The baby Jesus was truly a bundle of joy.

In Him and for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Art". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.