



Afraid of Where You Stand with God

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⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. 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!"
Luke 2:8-11 NLT

1. Three reasons the shepherds felt distant from God

- They felt unworthy
- They felt inadequate
- They felt unloved

2. The Good News

- You cannot earn God's acceptance by observing the law
- The purpose of the law is to show you your need for a savior
- Righteousness with God comes by faith in Christ alone

²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. ²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.
Romans 3:20-22 NLT

Next Steps:

- By faith, receive Jesus as my savior no matter how worthy or unworthy I feel
- Give up trying to please god by working to be religious
- Rejoice in the good news that Jesus is my savior and he makes me worthy and righteous through faith
- Commit to attend the Christmas Eve service
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