

**SERMON SHEET**

**12/8/24**

**Second Sunday of Advent 2024  
"Good News of Great Joy" (part 1)  
Text: Luke 2:8-11**

I. Introduction

II. Two vital actions related to Biblical faith

1. The reporting of facts

2. The removal of fear

III. The good news that results in great joy

1. The good news of salvation (1 Timothy 1:15)

2. The good news of no condemnation (Romans 8:1)

3. The good news of rescue from hell (Matthew 25:46)

IV. Conclusion – a quick comparison

**QUOTES**

1. John Piper:

*If the worst fear – the fear of death – has been taken away through the death of Christ, then surely God does not want us to fear the lesser things of life.*

2. Charles Spurgeon:

- *If I only had about a dozen words to speak and knew I must die, these are the words I would say.*
- *Oh, for faith to lay hold on this! Oh, for an overpowering faith that shall get the victory over doubts and fears, and make us enjoy the liberty with which Christ makes men free! You that believe in Christ, go to your beds this night and say, "If I die in my bed, I cannot be condemned!" Should you wake the next morning, go into the world and say, "I am not condemned!" When the devil howls at you, tell him, "You may accuse, but I am not condemned!" And if sometimes your sins rise, say, "I know you, but you are all gone forever. I am not condemned!"*

3. Thomas Schreiner:

*"Now" in verse 1 signals a new era of salvation history, one in which God's covenantal promises are being fulfilled, when His people are enjoying the freedom from condemnation God promised.*

4. Al Mohler:

- *For millions of person in the postmodern age, truth is a matter of personal choice, not divine revelation. Clearly, we moderns do not choose for hell to exist.*
- *The temptation to revise the doctrine of hell – to remove the sting and scandal of everlasting conscious punishment – is understandable. But it is also a major test of evangelical conviction. This is no theological trifle... Hell demands our attention in the present, confronting evangelicals with a critical test of theological and biblical integrity. Hell may be denied, but it will not disappear.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

- **John 17:3; Titus 2:3; Titus 1:9; 2 Tim. 2:15**
- **Heb. 2:14-15; Ps. 27:1**
- **Matt. 1:21; Rev.14:10-11**
- **Ezek. 28:11ff; Ps. 8:5-6; Is. 14:12-14; Gen. 3:5; Rev.12:7-9; Gen 3:23**