Luke 2:8-11 NIV

And there were <u>shepherds</u> living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "<u>Do not be afraid</u>. I bring you good news that will cause <u>great joy for all the people</u>. Today in the town of David <u>a Savior has been born to you</u>; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

The Shepherds felt distant from God because religion made them feel...

- Unworthy
- Inadequate
- Unloved

Religion didn't work for the Shepherds, and it won't work for us!

Romans 3:20-22 NLT

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. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law...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.

1. You Can't Be Made Right With God by Obeying the Law!

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands...Rom. 3:20

2. The Law Was Given To Show You Your Need for a Savior!

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. <u>The law simply shows us how sinful we are</u>. Rom 3:20

3. Becoming Right With God Comes Through Faith in Christ Alone!

We are made right with God by <u>placing our faith in Jesus Christ</u>. And this is true for everyone who believes, <u>no matter who we are</u>. Rom. 3:22

Response

Today, I accepted Jesus Christ!