

Christmas Celebration: The Right Way

Read: Luke 2:8-20

Luke 2:20, "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

What would you feel if the people you invited in your birthday don't even give a minute to greet you? Worse, they are just after the celebration, for the party and for the meals prepared? Of course, that would be very embarrassing.

That situation happens every Christmas. Every year, when December comes, when people are supposed to celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Celebrator is taken out of the picture and replaced by the celebration. Christmas parties everywhere, shopping craze in all the malls, feasting like there's no tomorrow, people getting drunk "rejoicing and celebrating" Christmas, anxious and excited for the gifts one hopes to receive, all these are not pleasing to the Lord.

Let us be like the shepherds who celebrated and spread the word to others the true reason to celebrate, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Celebrator himself. Let us not be like our bosses in the office, let us not be like our neighbours and let us not be like the world, for they celebrate with eyes blinded for they do not know or ignore the true reason to celebrate every Christmas. Let us celebrate Christmas in a manner that magnifies the Lord Jesus Christ, the baby born in that manger, the fulfilment of the promise of the Faithful God, to take away the sins of the world. - KOF