




'Tis the season to be . . .


- ▶ One of the busiest times of the year
- ▶ One of the costliest times of the year
- ▶ And if you are struggling with . . .

The Advent Message

- ▶ **8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.**



▶ 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

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- ▶ 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
 - ▶ 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
 - ▶ 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Context:

- ▶ The angels appear to whom??
- ▶ Shepherds were the poor, the needy
- ▶ They probably lived with little hope

What is your 'context?'

- ▶ Where are you 'needy' or 'poor?'
- ▶ Do you feel hopeless at times?
- ▶ Do you wish something, sometime would change for the better?
- ▶ How about someone you know?

The Hope offered back then is our Hope today:

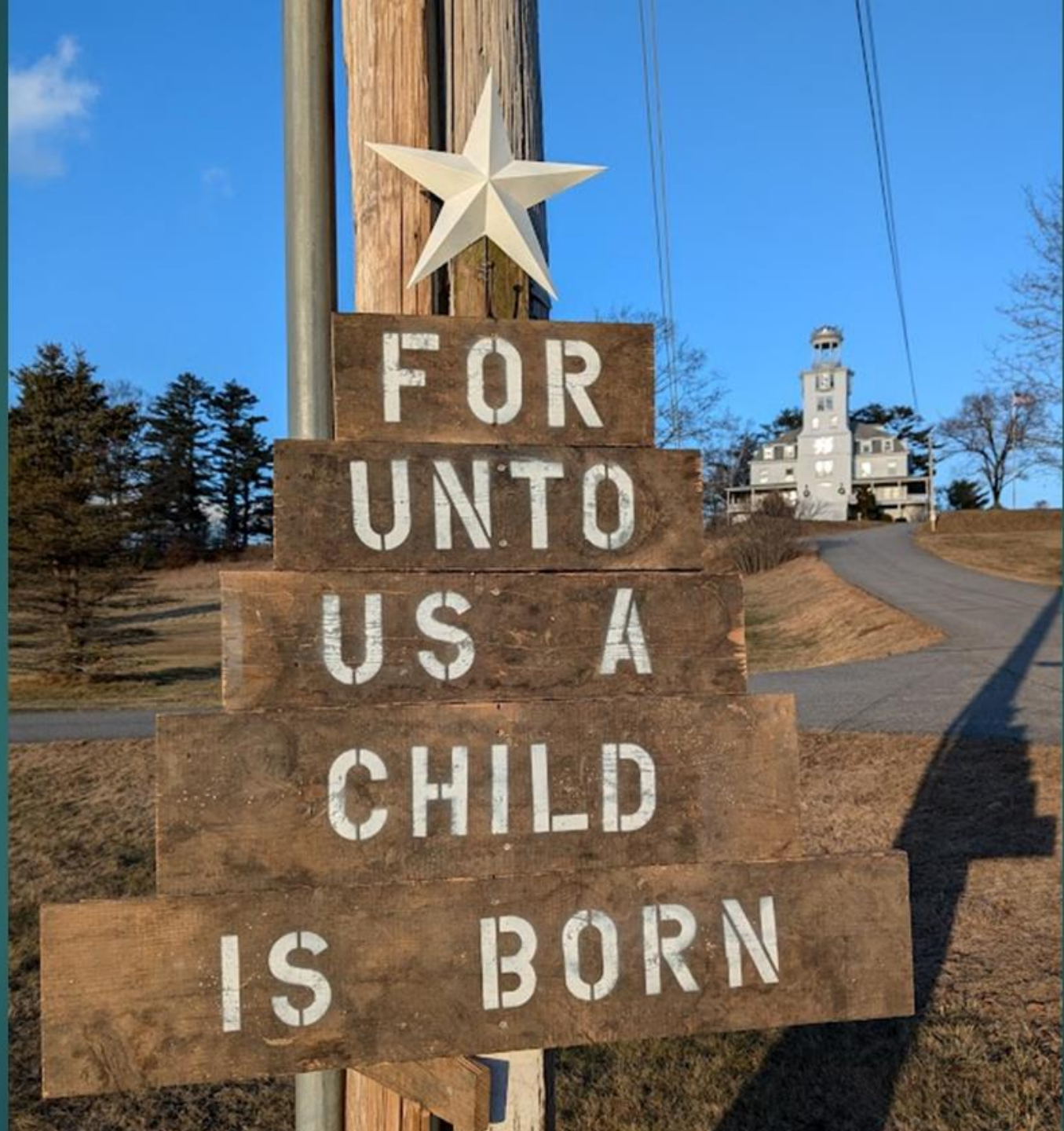
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All of us need Jesus!

Isaiah 9:

- ▶ **The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness
a light has dawned.**

Isaiah 9.6a



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- ▶ and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

▶ Isaiah 9.6b

Jesus is our
Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love:

▶ **We implore you on Christ's behalf:
Be reconciled to God. 21 God
made him who had no sin to be
sin for us, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.**

▶ 2 Corinthians 5



Come
Home for
Christmas