

Key Scripture

Matthew 2:2 Douay-Rheims Where is He that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to <u>adore Him</u>.

### Expecting...

#### Luke 2:4-7 NIV

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was *expecting a child*.
6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

### Keys to growing expectation inside of you

#### 1 John 5:13-15 NKJV

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. 14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

✓ Develop confidence in the Lord.

1 John 5:14a NKJV Now **this is the** <u>confidence that we have</u> in Him...

✓ Know His <u>will</u> and ask accordingly.

1 John 5:14b NKJV *if we ask anything according to His will. He hears us.* 

 $\checkmark$  God will <u>give</u> you what you ask for.

1 John 5:15b NKJV we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

✓ Know you have eternal <u>life</u> through Jesus.

1 John 5:13 Message

My purpose in writing is simply this: that <u>you who believe in God's Son will know beyond</u> <u>the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life</u>, the reality and not the illusion.

# Let Us Adore Him

### **Great Expectations**

#### Luke 2:8-12 NIV

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 of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David *a* Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

### How to see Great Expectations...

# 1. <u>Stay</u> faithful over what you've been given.

Luke 2:8 NASB And in the same region there were some shepherds <u>staying out in the fields,</u> <u>and keeping watch over their flock</u> by night.

## 2. <u>Seek</u>out what the Lord has made known.

#### Luke 2:15-16 NASB

15 And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "*Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."* 16 And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

### 3. Spread the Good News of Jesus.

Luke 2:17-19 NASB

17 And when they had seen this<u>, they made known the statement</u> which had been told them about this Child.

#### 18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

# 4. <u>Sing</u> praise & glory to the Lord.

Luke 2:20 NASB

And the shepherds went back, *glorifying and praising God* for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

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