

"Glory and Shame"

Luke 2:1-21 (page 857)

1. Christmas is SHAME

HRH Prince George of Wales and Cambridge and was born in glory.



Jesus is Saviour, Christ and Lord and yet...is born in shame and degradation
"wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger" v11, 16, 17, 20

2. But Christmas is also GLORIOUS

suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, v13
Glory to God in the highest, v14
...the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, v20.

We need a Saviour because none of us have *"made a place for Jesus in our lives"* (v7)

Jesus was born in shame and died in shame to win me back to God - Glorious

3. We certainly owe this a reaction

Luke wants us to have certainty - people, places and events, v1-2.

Shepherds searched for a baby in a manger, they made it known - they were certain.

Shepherds - Make haste to find out if the news about the **Saviour** is true, v16

Mary - Ponder in your heart, whether you really need a **Saviour** from God, v19

Angels and shepherds - Praise God for the arrival of a **Saviour**, v13 & v20.