

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 2: A Matter of the Heart

Read Luke 2 and write a brief overview:

Questions to consider:

1. How much of a Christ-centered life is a matter of the heart? (“Heart” = The center of a person’s being; the innermost and deepest part of a person’s mind; emotions; and life.)

2. Read Luke 2:19 & 51 again and describe Mary’s reactions to what God is doing. What does her response mean? (Is there any comparison to Luke 1:34?)

What do the following excerpts teach about a Christ-centered life as a matter of the “heart”?

(10-11) “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

(14) “Peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

(20) Glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

(30) “My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people.”

(34-35) “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

(49) “Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?”

Principles to live by from Luke 2:

1. God designed all human beings to be responsive and emotional in spiritual matters.
2. God desires a response that is based on what we know and how we feel about it.

Summarize what Luke 2 taught you about living the Christ-centered life.