

SILVER CREEK CHURCH

Tis the Season: Socially Unacceptable

Pastor Kevin Taylor | December 13, 2020

What's Behind the Lyrics?

1. O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.
— Luke 2:8

2. Long lay the world in sin and error pining. 'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."
— Genesis 3:17-19

14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. — Galatians 3:14

3. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory — Colossians 1:27

4. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!

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. — Luke 2:20

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
—Philippians 2:10-11

5. Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace.

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
— John 13:34-35

2. Four Purposes of God's Generosity

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. — **2 Corinthians 9:6**

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. **12** This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. — **2 Corinthians 9:10-12**

1. Generosity Produces Blessings

29 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.
— **Proverbs 22:9**

2. Generosity Pleases God

16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
— **Hebrews 13:16**

3. Generosity is not a Zero Sum Game

24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. **25** A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
— **Proverbs 11:24**

19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
— **Philippians 4:19**

4. Generosity is Reciprocal

11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. — **2 Corinthians 9:11**

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
— **Luke 6:38**

21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.
— **Proverbs 19:21**