

# THE TWO SIDES OF CHRISTMAS

## CHRISTMAS HAS TWO SIDES

- The good and the not-so-good
  1. Good - buying gifts online
  2. Good - family get-togethers
  3. Good - being able to have a nice Christmas for the kids

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS HAD TWO SIDES

- Natural and Supernatural (*Luke 1:30-33 NKJV*)
  1. The Supernatural - the message of the angel
  2. The natural - an unexplainable pregnancy
- Hardship and Hope (*Luke 2:1-7 NKJV*)
  1. The hardship of a 90-mile journey and a rough place to give birth
  2. The hope that made the hardship tolerable
- Mundane and Miraculous (*Luke 2:8-16 NKJV*)
  1. The mundane of shepherds living out in the fields
  2. The miraculous

## THE TWO SIDES OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE SAVIOR BORN THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS

- People who embody the natural and the supernatural
  1. Normal looking on the outside
  2. But with something supernatural that has taken place in our hearts
- People who experience the hardship and the hope
  1. We still go through hardships - that's life
  2. But we have a hope that keeps us going - we'll make it in this life and looking forward to life to come
- People who understand the mundane and the miraculous
  1. We do not escape the mundane, the grind, of everyday life
  2. But we live with a connection to the spiritual, the miraculous
- As people, we appreciate the pageantry and the personal sides of Christmas
  1. We appreciate the lights, the music, the imagery
  2. And we value the personal side of a personal Savior, who loves us and gave His life for us