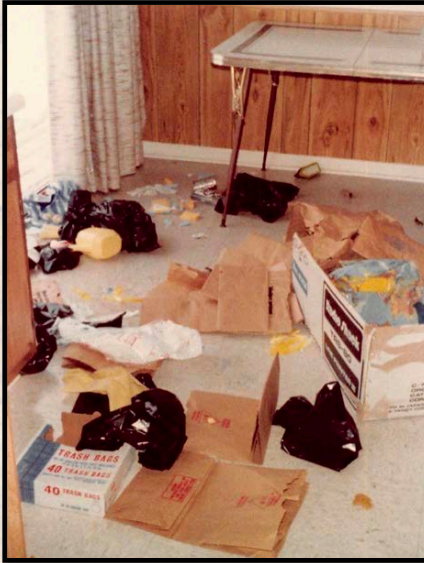


Making a mess of things

- Have you ever made a big mess?



1

Making a mess of things

- Adam and Eve made a terrible mess of a great gift of God
 - God made a perfect world, and put Adam & Eve in it to enjoy it and to care for it forever
 - Adam & Eve decided to do it their own way, disobeying the one command of God
 - **God removed them** from the perfect Garden

2

Making a mess of things

- Adam and Eve made a terrible mess of a great gift of God
- The people of Israel had made a terrible mess of the great gift of God
 - God promised Abraham a great people and a great land
 - God (eventually) gave Abraham the people and the land
 - The people made a terrible mess of things: they disobeyed the command of God to love Him and to love people
 - **God removed them** from the good land (they lost their inheritance)

3

Making a mess of things

- Adam and Eve made a terrible mess of a great gift of God
- The people of Israel had made a terrible mess of the great gift of God
- You and I have made a terrible mess of things
 - God has given us life and breath, as well as hearts that long to know Him
 - You and I have decided to go our own way, disobeying the command of God to love Him and to love people
 - We have brought trouble every place we go
 - **God rightly removed us** from His family, taking away our inheritance

4

Making a mess of things

- **Adam and Eve** made a terrible mess of a great gift of God
- **The people of Israel** had made a terrible mess of the great gift of God
- **You and I** have made a terrible mess of things
- Do you feel the weight of this? Is it real to you?
 - “Dark is the stain that we cannot hide”
 - “All of us have gone astray” from what we know is right
 - Since we are the cause of the problem,
there is no hope in us for better things

5

The angel said to the shepherds...

Do not be afraid.

I bring you **good news**

that will cause **great joy** for **all the people.**

Today in the town of David

a **Savior** has been born **to you;** **a terrible mess of things**

he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

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We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: ... **giving joyful thanks to the Father**, who has **qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people** in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and **brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves**, in whom we have redemption, the **forgiveness of sins**.

Colossians 1:9, 12-13

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The Big Idea

The great joy of Christmas
is receiving a Savior
that we desperately need.

He is Christ the Lord!

Receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord

Give joyful thanks to Him who has qualified **you to share
in the inheritance of His holy people through this Savior**