



WOW: Word Of the Week

Good Tidings

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I begin with a word of explanation – I thought everything was ready to go for Wednesday W.O.W. this week. I finishing writing the copy on Tuesday and was ready to record early Wednesday. The only problem – my computer was not ready!

Wednesday morning, unresponsive, DOA, hard drive crash! As a result, I have been computerless for three days. Now I and my computer are back, and I am anxious to begin my December W.O.W series, leading up to Christmas.

This week, I begin my traditional look at some Bible texts that are seldom studied, overlooked, ignored, unfamiliar. Luke 2:10 qualifies. We know it but do not know it. We can quote a version of it: the angel saying “I bring you good tidings of great joy.” Do we know it because of popular Christmas carols, or because we are students of Scripture?

ESV says “I bring you good news of great joy.” We begin to make the connection. Yes, the original word is the verb of the word gospel. I announce gospel, good news. The word can be used without reference to the gospel – as in the good news Paul received from Timothy when he returned from a visit to Thessalonica, 1 Thess. 3:6. Is this another example – the angelic announcement has nothing to do with the gospel?

I would like to think we are hearing foundations of faith, gospel tidings. The gospel begins at the beginning. The gospel is impossible without the Incarnation. The gospel includes Jesus’ birth. He came, he died, he was buried, he arose and ascended, he is coming again.

Gospel, joy, for everyone. Savior, Christ, Lord. A gospel sign – here is what you will find! Glory to God, peace, God’s desire fulfilled.

During my sabbatical, I will be sharing on Facebook only once each week – Wednesday W.O.W. Other teachings -- sermons, articles, reflections, videos – will be made available on my website and on my YouTube channel. Go to my website, www.bobyoungrsources.com, and you will be able to access links to the blog and website articles, as well as the link to my YouTube channel.

I want to point you to Wednesday’s blog, “2020 Reflections on the Christmas season.” Where are joy and peace, love and hope in a world filled with uncertainty and doubt? Today, you can read my blog about Christmas trees. (Easy access, all accessible, through my website.)