

Message Notes

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God With Us
Joy (Luke 1:49-55)
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■ *God With Us* means _____. (Neh 8:10; Ps 95:1; Mt 2:10; Lk 1:14, 43-44, 2:10, 20)

Understanding Joy

■ Joy is _____ just a _____ of _____. (Ps 118:24; Heb 3:17-18) .

■ Joy is _____ based on our _____ (1 Thess 5:16; Rom 5:3-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice! **Philippians 4:4**

■ The key is to _____ to focus on the _____ of all joy. (Ps 28:7; 43:4)

■ Joy: a _____ gratitude in the _____ & _____ of God.

The Source of Joy

■ Mary _____ to _____ joy _____ her circumstances.

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant." **Luke 1:46-48**

■ Mary delighted in God's _____ & had _____ in Him.

■ Mary delighted in God's _____ & _____ herself to them. (Lk 1:38)

■ The _____ of Mary's joy is the miracle of "_____." (Lk 2:11)

Choosing Joy this Christmas

■ Will I _____ my _____ to the _____ of lasting joy today?

■ Lasting joy _____ comes in a _____ with Jesus. (Rom 5:11)

■ Like Mary, I can _____ b/c the Lord has been "_____ of _____."

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross... **Hebrews 12:2**

■ Will I choose the true _____ that flows from _____ this Christmas?

Reasons We Can Have Joy According to the Bible

- For the Cross (Heb 12:2)
- For the Resurrection (Matt 28:8)
- For God's protection (Ps 5:11, 28:7)
- For God's sovereignty (Ps 64:7)
- For God's Righteousness (Ps 89:16)
- For creation (Ps 92:4, 149:2)
- For God's love (Ps 31:7, 90:14)
- For God's goodness (2 Chron 6:41)
- For repentance (Ps 51:12)
- For our justification (Rom 5:1)
- For our salvation (Ps 9:4; Is 12:3)
- For our reconciliation (Rom 5:11)
- When we bear fruit (Lk 10:17)
- For unity (Phil 2:2)
- For marriage (Prov 5:18; Songs 1:4)
- For children (Prov 10:1, 15:20)
- For eternity (Lk 6:23; Heb 10:34)
- For each new day (Ps 118:24)
- For God's strength (Neh 8:10; Phil 1:9)
- For God's presence (Ps 16:11; Acts 2:28)
- That God receives our worship (Lev 9:24; Deut 16:11)
- For God's daily provisions (Deut 14:26; 1 Chron 29:17, Acts 14:17)
- For answered prayer (Ezra 6:22; Jn 16:24)
- For God's deliverance (Esther 8:17; 1 Sam 2:1; Ps 21:1)
- For God's faithfulness (2 Chron 15:15)
- For God's justice (Prov 21:15, 23:16; Zeph 3:11)
- For God's comfort & compassion in affliction (Ps 94:19, 126:5; Is 49:13)
- For God's Word (Ps 19:8, 119:111; Jer 15:16; Matt 13:20)
- For our redemption (Ps 71:23, Is 35; Jer 31)
- For friendships (Rom 15:32; 2 Cor 7:7; Philemon 1:7)
- For good leadership (1 Chron 29:9; Prov 11:10, 29:2)
- For our five senses (Prov 27:9, Ecc 9:7)
- For holidays & seasons (Zech 8:19; Joel 2:23)
- For the church/community (Ps 122:1)
- For the lost coming to Christ (Lk 15:6, 9; 1 Thess 2:20)
- For people maturing in the faith (Rom 16:9, 2 Cor 1:24; 2 Jn 1:4)
- That Gentiles are included in the Kingdom (Is 56:7)
- That He will remove all our sorrow (Is 51:11)
- That evil will be crushed (Jer 51:48; Rev 18:20)
- That God is with us (Zeph 3:17)
- That our names are written in Heaven (Lk 10:20)
- Even for our trials (Rom 5:3; 1 Thess 1:6; Jms 1:2)
- For the birth of Christ (Lk 1:14, 2:10; Jn 8:56)
- For the Savior (Habak 3:18; Zech 9:9; Lk 1:47)
- For the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:52; Gal 5:22)
- For the Second Coming (Jn 16:20-24)
- For the "Wedding Day" of the Lamb (Is 61:10, 62:5; Jn 3:29; Rev 19:7)