

Message Notes

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Advent: Lasting Joy
(Luke 1:49-55)
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◆ This Christmas we can be _____ with a _____. (Lk 1-2)

Understanding Joy

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

◆ Joy is _____ based on our _____. (1 Thess 5:16; Ro 5:3-5)

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

◆ Joy: a _____ delight in the _____ & _____ of God.

The Source of Lasting 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 1:46-48a**

◆ 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 _____ w/Jesus Christ. (Ro 5:11)

◆ Like Mary, I can _____ b/c the Lord's been "_____ " of _____.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:2**

◆ In Jesus there is a _____ of Joy that can _____ in us for _____.

Reasons We Can Have Joy According to the Bible

- For the Cross (Heb 12:2)
- For God's protection (Ps 5:11, 28:7)
- For God's Righteousness (Ps 89:16)
- For God's love (Ps 31:7, 90:14)
- For repentance (Ps 51:12)
- For our salvation (Ps 9:4; Is 12:3)
- When we bear fruit (Lk 10:17)
- For marriage (Prov 5:18; Songs 1:4)
- For eternity (Lk 6:23; Heb 10:34)
- 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" (Is 61:10, 62:5; Jn 3:29; Rev 19:7)