

Celebrating the GIFTS we have in JESUS

Part 2

1. In Jesus I have **PEACE** that only He can give, and it is **FAR GREATER** than my understanding! (James 1:17; Isaiah 9:6; Romans 5:1, 15:13; John 14:27, 16:33; Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:6-7; Numbers 6:26; Colossians 3:15; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Psalm 29:11, 119:165; Galatians 5:22; Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11)
2. In Jesus I have **JOY** that is greater than **HAPPINESS**, and it **PREVAILS** over every circumstance. (Luke 2:10-11; John 15:11; Psalm 4:7, 16:11, 33:21, 71:23; 118:24; 1 Peter 1:8; Nehemiah 8:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:16; Isaiah 55:12; John 17:13)
3. In Jesus I have a new **HEART** that is governed by a new set of **VALUES**. (Luke 1:46,47,51-53; Ezekiel 36:26-27; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Philippians 2:12-13; Romans 12:2; Matthew 5:21-48)
4. In Jesus I have a **LIVING HOPE** that is a sure and steadfast **ANCHOR** for life. (Hebrews 6:18-20, 9:12, 10:23; Matthew 27:50-51; Romans 5:3-5, 8:24-25, 12:12; 1 Peter 1:3; Colossians 1:27; Ephesians 1:18; Titus 2:13)



Taking it further to help you **THRIVE...**

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What does the following statement mean?: "Peace on the horizontal beings with peace on the vertical." How do we attain peace on the vertical? Describe why so many attempts of peace on the horizontal fail.
3. According to the angelic proclamation in Luke 2, what is the reason for / source of joy? What is the difference between joy and happiness? How might we tend to focus too much on happiness? Is happiness insignificant? What should we do to set our hearts more on joy than on happiness?
4. What are some things the world promises will give us peace and joy? Why might these things appear to work in the short term but be ineffective long term? Many people would argue that peace and joy are only feelings. Why is this not true?
5. Read the portion of Mary's praise to God in Luke 1:51-53. Of the many things Jesus would do, He would radically change the landscape of social values! Describe from these verses how the values and expectations that Jesus represents vastly differ from those of the world. Why are these more substantial than just what we do outwardly? What does Philippians 2:13 say regarding how we are able to live these out?
6. We have been given living hope in Jesus, yet it is not something we can readily see. Charles Spurgeon said this: "Our anchor is like every other, when it is of any use it is out of sight. When a man sees the anchor it is doing nothing. When the anchor is of use it is gone." What does this mean? For help, read Romans 8:24-25.