

**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.**

*All People!*  
(Luke 2:10-11)

**GOOD NEWS**

1. News isn't **GOOD** unless there already exists something **BAD**. (Galatians 5:1; Matthew 11:28; John 8:12,34; Isaiah 9:2,6; Luke 1:14-17)
2. Jesus **DEFEATS** enmity, sin, burden, bondage, enslavement, darkness, death and the grave! (Genesis 3:15; Colossians 2:15; Revelation 20:10, 21:4; 2 Timothy 1:10; Isaiah 25:8; Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 2:24)

**GREAT JOY**

3. Christian joy is the knowledge (and accompanying emotions) that everything is **RIGHT** between me and a Holy God. (Romans 3:21-24, 5:1, 8-10; Hebrews 4:14-16; Psalm 16:11; John 14:27; Philippians 4:7)
4. Joy is the bedrock contentment that comes from having a **HOPE** that will never disappoint! (Romans 5:3-5, 15:13; Isaiah 40:31; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 25:5, 31:24; 1 Peter 1:3)



## ***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. Can you remember what "the first Gospel" (Genesis 3:15) is called? Relate God's words in that verse to the Christmas story. What was happening in Genesis 3, and why (according to God) would Jesus come?
3. How would you describe the difference between happiness and joy? Are the two completely unrelated? If not, how are they related? What is the difference between joy as defined by the world and by God's Word?
4. It has often been said that JOY has nothing to do with feeling or emotion. Is this true? Why? Why not?
5. Spend some time writing a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the GOOD NEWS of great joy.