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¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people:
¹¹ Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

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¹² This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:



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Luke 2:8-20 (CSB)

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!



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¹⁵ When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."



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Luke 2:8-20 (CSB)

¹⁶ They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger.

¹⁷ After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child,



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Luke 2:8-20 (CSB)

¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

¹⁹ But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them.



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Luke 2:8-20 (CSB)

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.



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Number 24:17 (NLT)

I see him, but **not here and now**.
I perceive him, but **far in the distant future**. A star will rise from Jacob; a scepter will emerge from Israel.



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Isaiah 9:2-3 (CSB)

²The people walking in **darkness** have seen a great **light**; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.
³You have enlarged the nation and increased its **joy**.



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1) Jesus came to turn great fear into great joy.



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Mark 2:17 (CSB)

"It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. ***I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners.***"



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"To have no sense of need is to have erected a barrier between us and Jesus; to have a sense of need is to possess the passport to his presence."

~ William Barclay



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Romans 6:23 (CSB)

For the ***wages*** of sin is death, but the ***gift*** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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Sin was the diagnosis.
The cross was the prescribed cure.
And eternal joy is the outcome.



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The opposite of worldly fear is Godly joy.



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2) Worldly fear makes us worry about what might happen.

3) Godly joy gives us confidence in what will happen.



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Romans 14:17 (CSB)
for the kingdom of God is **not eating and drinking**, but righteousness, peace, and **joy** in the Holy Spirit.



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"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

~ C.S. Lewis



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Today, we live between two advents.



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Luke 2:38 (CSB)

...she came up and began to **thank God** and to speak about him to all who were looking forward to the **redemption of Jerusalem.**



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Acts 3:19-21 (CSB)

¹⁹ Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out,
²⁰ that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah.



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Acts 3:19-21 (CSB)

²¹ **Heaven must receive him until the time of the restoration of all things,** which God spoke about through his holy prophets from the beginning.



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“As good as it gets here it will never be as good as the restoration of all things.”

~ Glenn Packiam



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4) Joy is the fruit of waiting.



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Matthew 25:13 (CSB)

“Therefore **be alert**, because you don’t know either the day or the hour.”



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John 15:9, 11 (CSB)

⁹“As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love...

¹¹“I have told you these things **so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.**



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2 Corinthians 9:15 (CSB)

Thanks be to God for his **incredible gift!**



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5) True joy must overflow in praise.



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