

Sermon Notes

12-17-23 - Advent - The Simple Gifts of Christmas – JOY

The "Good News" leads to great joy!

Luke 2:8–11

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

The shepherds importance or value was a function of their role in God's work.

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

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Luke 2:12–14

12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rest

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Luke 2:15–20

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,

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

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

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Where does this simple gift of Christmas come from?

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Galatians 5:22

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

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John 16:22

22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

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Psalm 51:12

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

How should such JOY be manifested in our own lives?

GO TELL IT !!!