



**Luke 2:8-15**, *That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, <sup>10</sup> but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. <sup>11</sup> The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! <sup>12</sup> And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." <sup>15</sup> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."*

## I. God wants us to experience His joy by being content.

**Nehemiah 8:10**, *....the joy of the Lord is your strength.*

**Psalm 16:11**, *...in your presence, there is fullness of joy...*

**Psalm 63:7-8**, *For you have been my help. And in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy...*

**Psalm 94:19**, *When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me great joy.*

**Psalm 119:111**, *Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.*

**Galatians 5:22-23**, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, JOY....*

**Philippians 4:4**, *Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.*

## II. God wants us to realize it's often a joyless world we live in.

**III. God wants us to choose to live a joyful life in a joyless world.**

**IV. God wants us to realize that living the joyful life is a great tool for evangelism!**

1. Are you living in the joy of the Lord? If not, why not?
2. Are you certain of your salvation?
3. Who do you need to share His message of transforming joy with?

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**APPLY GOD’S WORD**