

JOY TO THE WORLD

OPEN: HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE SUNG A SONG FOR YEARS WITH THE WRONG WORDS? PINA COLADA SONG

WHAT IF YOU SANG A SONG ALL YOUR LIFE WITH THE RIGHT WORDS AND BUT HAD THE WRONG UNDERSTANDING OF THE SONG?

THIS WOULD BE A SIGN OF NOT THINKING AND JUST DOING [JUST BECAUSE]

“Don’t believe everything you read on the internet just because they quote someone famous.”

— Abraham Lincoln

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR XMAS PASSAGES IS [ISA 9:6-7](#)

VERY LITTLE OF THE PASSAGE HAS TO DO WITH HIS BIRTH “UNTO US A SON IS BORN” THE REST HAS TO DO WITH HIS 2ND COMING

THE MOST POPULAR XMAS HYMN IS “JOY TO THE WORLD” AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YESHUA’ BIRTH....ZERO

ISAAC WATTS BIO [PSALMS 98](#)

The opening line of Joy to the World is sometimes sung incorrectly as, “Joy to the world! The Lord has come.” That is not what Watts wrote. He wrote, “The Lord is come.” Watts was not describing a past event (the birth of Jesus) but rather looking forward to a future event (the return of Jesus). The main point of Psalm 98 (which Watts himself clearly understood) was not about the first coming of Jesus, but, rather, about His Second Coming! And that’s precisely what the song is about. It speaks of Jesus’ final coming to earth when “the Savior reigns” and when “He rules the world with truth and grace.” Watts longed for that glorious final day when the “nations (will) prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.”

DOES THAT MEAN WE SHOULDN’T SING IT AS A REMINDER OF HIS BIRTH? HE HAD TO BE BORN SO THAT HE CAN RETURN

This song is all about the fulfillment of what Christ came to do in the first place. The birth of Messiah is not only a time to look back at the grace accomplished in the past. He’s birth is also a time to look forward to the grace that was accomplished for our future. When we sing these words we are proclaiming the ultimate joy to be revealed. This is why we can sing “Joy to the World” at Christmas and any other time of the year.

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HOW DID HE COME UP WITH THIS INTERPRETATION? USING THE REST OF SCRIPTURE

LYRICS “JOY TO THE WORLD”