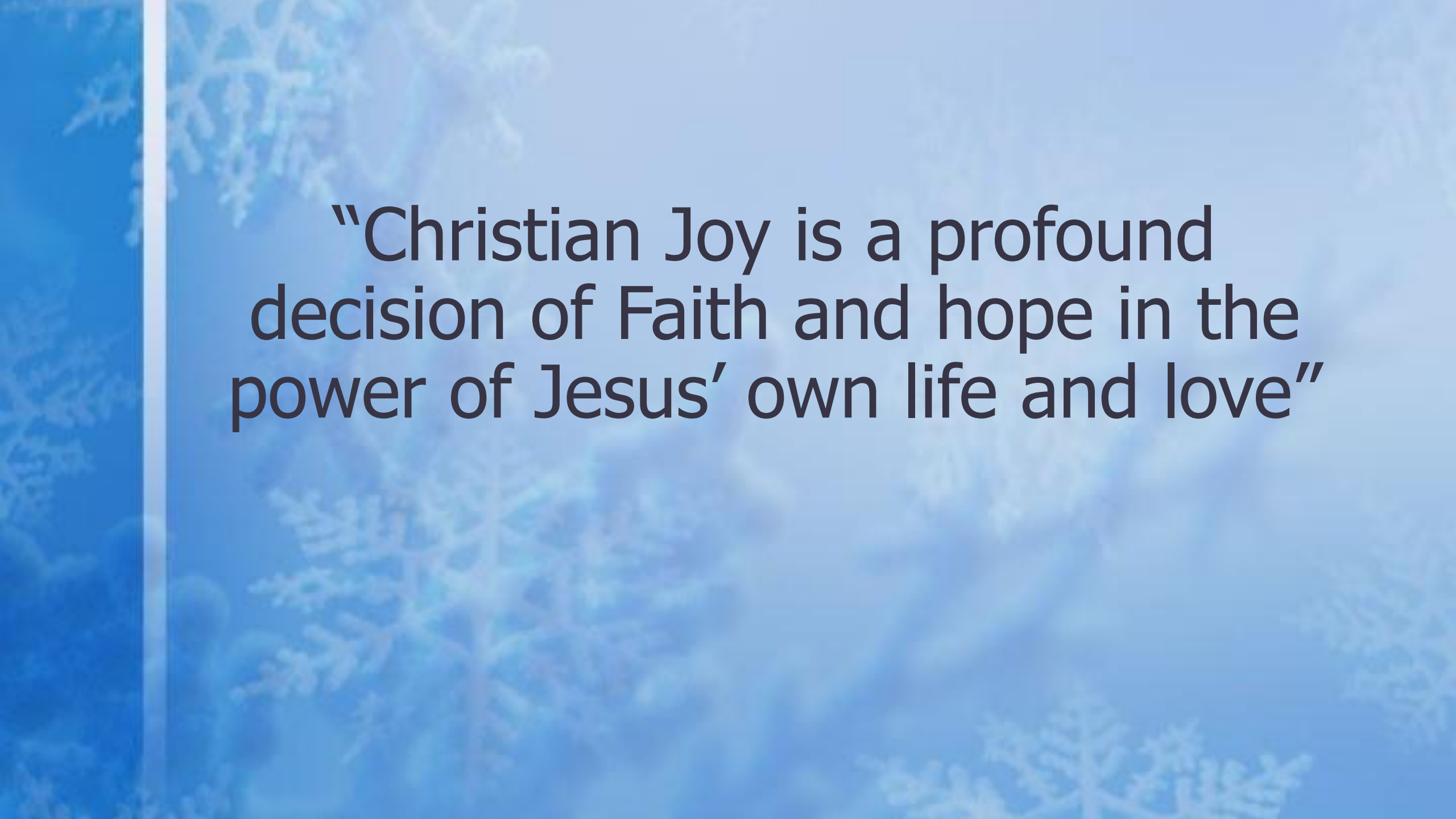


The Advent Of Joy



“Christian Joy is a profound decision of Faith and hope in the power of Jesus’ own life and love”



Joy is not happiness; joy is
a fruit of the Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:12

- “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,”

Matthew 5:11

- “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

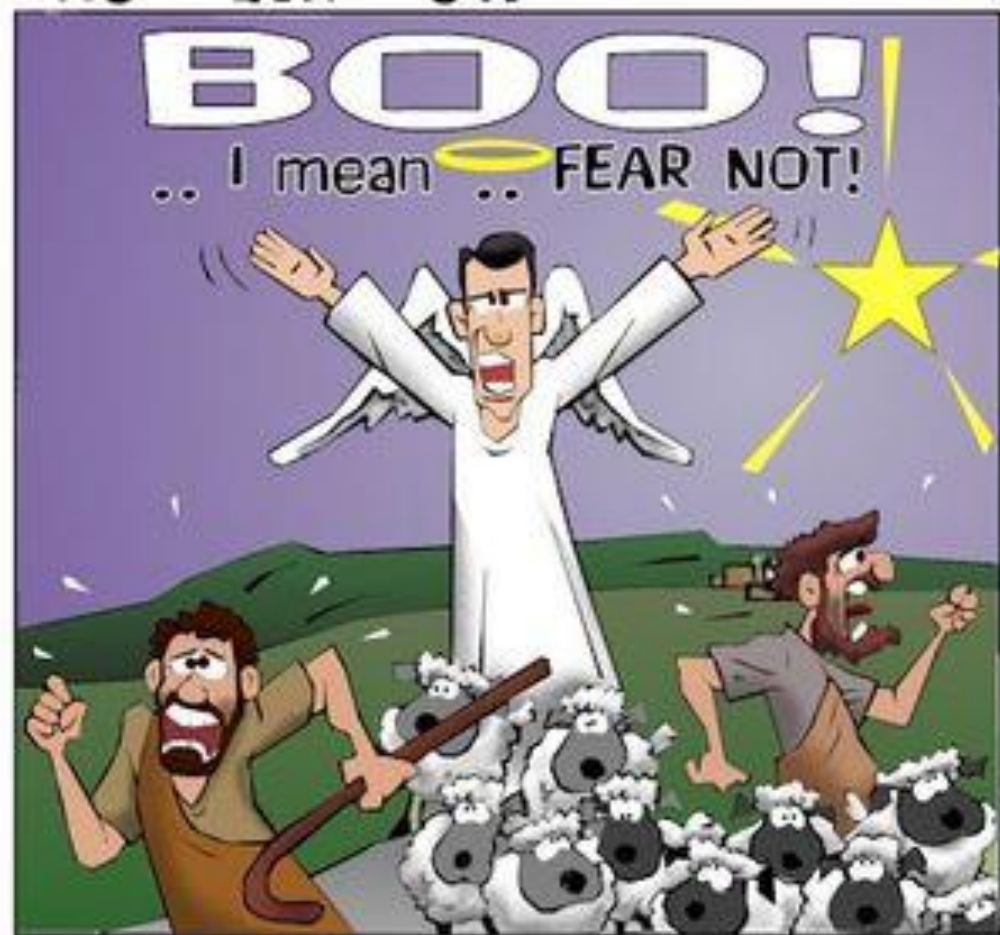
John 16:33

- “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

LUKE 2:8-20(ESV)

- › **8** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. **10** And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
- › **14** "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"^[d]
- › **15** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." **16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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and the Angel said unto them.. "Fear Not!", but many of the shepherds in their glaring humanity shouted.. "AAAAHHH.. run away!" **Luke 2:10ish**

› **Hebrew:**

1. **Simchah** (שמחה): This word is often translated as "joy" or "gladness." It is associated with happiness and celebration.
2. **Sameach** (שמח): This word is translated as "glad" or "joyful." It expresses a state of being cheerful and happy.
3. **Gila** (גילה): This term is used to convey the idea of rejoicing or exultation.
4. **Rinnah** (רנה): Translated as "singing" or "shouting," this word is often used in the context of expressing joy through vocal celebration.
5. **Chedvah** (חדוה): This word is translated as "gladness" or "joy" and is associated with a sense of rejoicing.

› **Greek:**

1. **Chara** (χαρά): This term is commonly translated as "joy" or "gladness." It is used to express a deep, abiding sense of joy and delight.
2. **Agalliasis** (ἀγαλλίασις): This word is translated as "exultation" or "rejoicing." It denotes a state of extreme joy and jubilation.
3. **Euphrosune** (εὐφροσύνη): Translated as "gladness" or "cheerfulness," this word conveys a positive, joyous disposition.
4. **Charis** (χάρις): While primarily translated as "grace," this term is also linked to joy, as the experience of grace often brings about joy and gratitude.
5. **Makarios** (μακάριος): This word is often translated as "blessed" or "happy" and is used to describe a state of joy and contentment that comes from a divine source.

Luke 2:10-11

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will cause great **joy** for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'"