



Joy to the World

Advent 2022 – Reintroducing Jesus, the source of our joy



Advent

“Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.” ~ *Wikipedia*



“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*“O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.”*



Advent

- **November 27 – December 24**
- **Themes of Advent**
 - **Hope/Faith**
 - **Peace**
 - **Love**
 - **Joy**



Joy – What is it?

- The emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires : **DELIGHT**
- The expression or exhibition of such emotion : **GAIETY**
- A state of happiness or felicity : **BLISS**



The Biblical Definition of Joy

- “Biblical joy is choosing to respond to external circumstances with inner contentment and satisfaction, because we know that God will use these experiences to accomplish His work in and through our lives.” ~ *Mel Walker, president of Vision For Youth, Inc.*
- James 1:2-4
- 1 Peter 1:6
- Galatians 5:22-23



Jesus brought joy

- “As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.” ~ Luke 1:44
- 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.” ~ Luke 2:10-11
- When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ~ Matthew 2:10



Jesus was joyful

- But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.” ~ Hebrews 1:8-9
- Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ~ Hebrews 12:2



Jesus offers us His joy

- **“Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ~ John 16:24**
- **These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ~ John 15:11**
- **But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ~ John 17:13**



Do you exude Jesus' joy?

- Our lives should be an “outward expression of an inward change” (baptism)
- March 2022 poll shows gap between public perception of Jesus and His followers
- How then shall we live?
 - Philippians 4:4-9



The Joy of Advent

- Christ came to give us His joy (John 17:13)
- Christ gave us the church so we may find joy in community (Philippians 2:1-2)



Christ Will Make Our Joy Secure

“So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.~ John 16:22



He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

~ Revelation 22:20



Merry Christmas, Mosaic!