

THE ARRIVAL

MEGA JOY

Luke 2:8–14 (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!”

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT JOY

1. **JOY IS A STATE OF HEART AND MIND DEEPLY ROOTED AND SETTLED IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Psalms 51:7–12 (NLT) ⁷ Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ **Oh, give me back my joy again;** you have broken me—now let me rejoice. ⁹ Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,** and make me willing to obey you.

1 Peter 1:8–9 (NIV) ⁸ Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him **and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,** ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

2. **JOY IS DIFFERENT FROM HAPPINESS.**
3. **JOY ISN'T THE ABSENCE OF PROBLEMS; IT'S WHAT SUSTAINS US THROUGH OUR PROBLEMS.**

4. THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH.

Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV) And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

5. JOY ISN'T FRIVOLOUS, IT'S SERIOUS.

"Joy is the serious business of Heaven." —C S Lewis

Romans 14:17 (NIV) For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

6. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE FILLED WITH JOY.

Romans 15:13 (ESV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

John 15:11 (NLT) "I have told you these things so that you will be filled with My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"

Psalms 16:11 (ESV) You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy...

Galatians 5:22 (ESV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...

7. THIS JOY IS FOR ALL PEOPLE.

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

John 3:16-17 (ESV) ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."