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JOY TO THE
WORLD

Joy is a positive emotion that flows from a revelation, experience, or truth.

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“Christian joy is a good feeling in the soul, produced by the Holy Spirit, as he causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word and in the world.”

John Piper



The Greatest Joy

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Luke 2:8-11

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them,

“Fear not, for behold, ***I bring you good news of a 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.



Have you ever been at a point in life when you needed to hear some good news?

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If you could have access to unchangeable good news that would be greater than our worst pain, would you want it?

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Joy Must Be Received

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Luke 2:12-16

¹²And this will be a sign for you: ***you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths*** and lying in a manger.” ¹³And 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!”



Luke 2:12-16

¹⁵When 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.”

¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.



Joy Must Be Expressed

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Luke 2:17-20

¹⁷And when they saw it, ***they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.*** ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But 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.



How will you express this great joy?

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