


the season of advent

JOY





Rejoice in the
Lord always:
and again I
say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

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The spirit of joy was set before our Redeemer.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Hebrews 12:2 KJV)

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

(Luke 2:10-11 ESV)

1. Joy is the heartbeat of heaven.

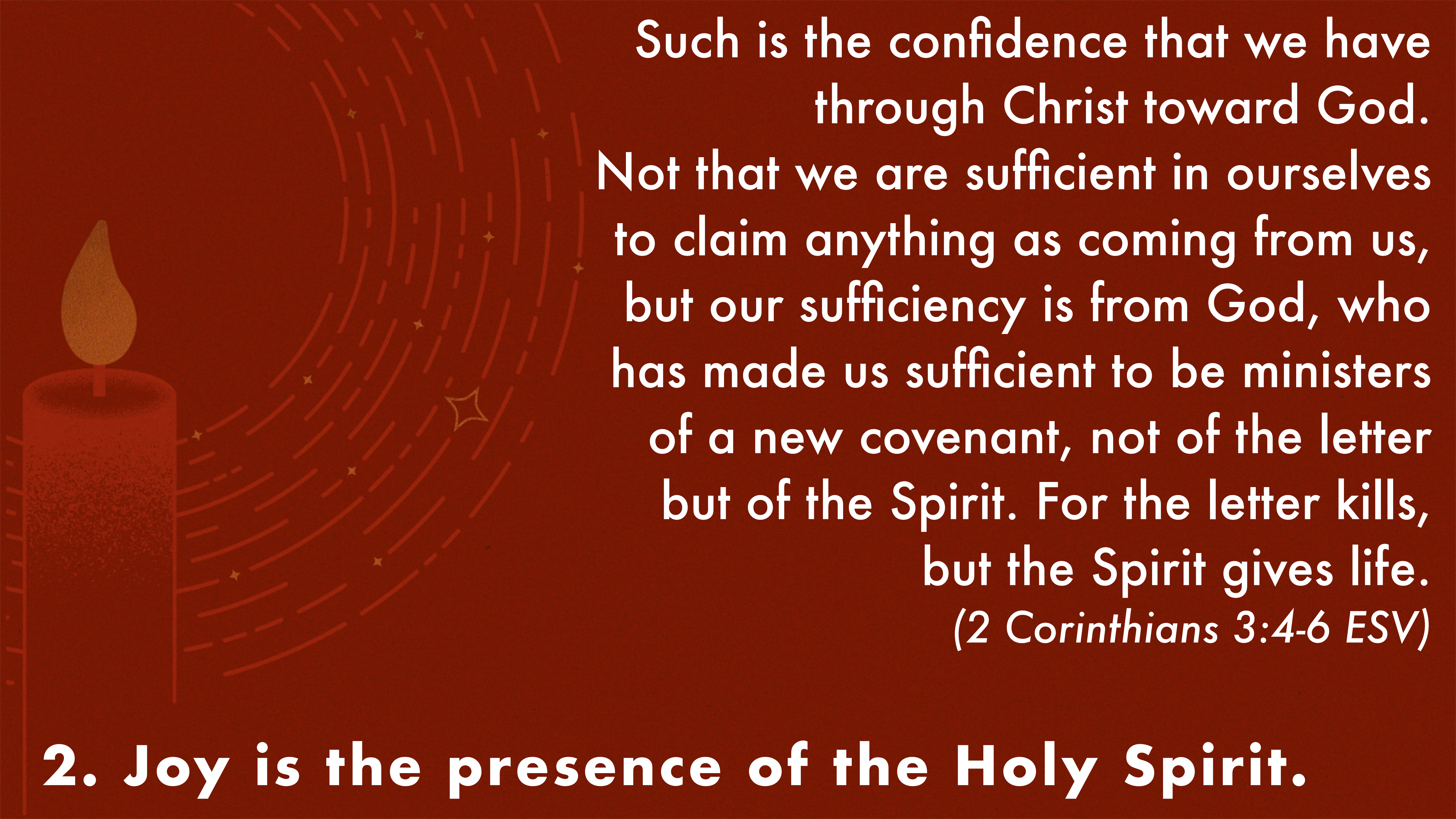


**The power of joy is
celebrated when one
is redeemed.**

In the same way, there is more
joy in heaven over one lost sinner
who repents and returns to God
than over ninety-nine others who are
righteous and haven't strayed away!
(Luke 15:7 NLT)

People sin. Jesus saves.

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Such is the confidence that we have
through Christ toward God.
Not that we are sufficient in ourselves
to claim anything as coming from us,
but our sufficiency is from God, who
has made us sufficient to be ministers
of a new covenant, not of the letter
but of the Spirit. For the letter kills,
but the Spirit gives life.
(2 Corinthians 3:4-6 ESV)

2. Joy is the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Joy provides strength when under pressure.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

(Nehemiah 8:8-11 ESV)

2. Joy is the presence of the Holy Spirit.

**Joy is fruit born inside
and out of the faithful.**

But the fruit of the spirit is...joy.
(Galatians 5:22 ESV)

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It is a seed that grows.

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

(Isaiah 9:1-3 ESV)

3. Joy is felt in the human heart.

It is a star that glows.

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

(Matthew 2:9-10 ESV)

3. Joy is felt in the human heart.



It is a sensation that shows.

And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

(Luke 1:43-44 ESV)

3. Joy is felt in the human heart.

**To commune
with God is to
experience
true joy.**

**You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is
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(Psalm 16:11 ESV)



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Summary for Application

1. *Joy starts with Jesus.*
2. *Joy strengthens the heart.*
3. *Joy stays with us forever.*

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