

CAROLS

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation. Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, Glory
in the highest.

O, come, let us adore him, O, come, let us adore him,

O, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

WHO DOES JESUS CALL?

1. Jesus calls the weary and burdened.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

2. Jesus calls the sinners.

On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.¹³ ...For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Matthew 9:12-13

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

WHAT DOES JESUS HELP US BECOME?

1. JESUS HELPS US BECOME MORE FAITHFUL.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith... Hebrews 12:2

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17 ESV

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior... Isaiah 43:2-3

2. JESUS HELPS US BECOME MORE JOYFUL.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,... Galatians 5:22

Happiness depends on happenings, but joy depends on Jesus!

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you... Luke 2:10-11 NIV

3. JESUS HELPS US BECOME MORE TRIUMPHANT.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

*And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his
government and peace there will be no end.*

*He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever...*

Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

TALK IT OVER

- What's robbing you of your joy? What steps do you need to take to regain your joy through Christ?
- Share a time when you experienced a lack of faith. How did Christ help restore your faith?
- What can you do this week to make your Christmas preparations be more about Jesus?