

GOD

WITH US

ADVENT 2021

WEEK #3 : JOY





## Luke 2

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.*** <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”





<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> *“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

<sup>15</sup> When 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.”





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## Mega-Chara





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“I call it Joy...the memory of a memory. As I stood beside a flowering currant bush on a summer day there suddenly arose in me without warning, and as if from a depth not of years but of centuries, the memory of that earlier morning at the Old House...

It was a sensation, of course, of desire; but desire for what?...Before I knew what I desired, the desire itself was gone...stirred by a longing for the longing that had just ceased...

I doubt whether anyone who has tasted (Joy) would ever, if both were in his power, exchange it for all the pleasures in the world.

But then Joy is never in our power and Pleasure often is.”

(C. S. Lewis, Surprised by Joy)





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Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.  
He will dwell with them, and they will be his  
people, and God himself will be with them as their  
God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their  
eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall  
there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,  
for the former things have passed away.”





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I came to know by experience that Joy is not a disguise of (physical) desire. ... I repeatedly followed that path - to the end. And at the end one found pleasure; which immediately resulted in the discovery that pleasure (whether that pleasure or any other) was not what you had been looking for.

You might as well offer a mutton chop to a man who is dying of thirst as offer (physical) pleasure to the desire I am speaking of.

Joy is not a substitute for (physical pleasure); (physical pleasure) is very often a substitute for Joy. I sometimes wonder whether all pleasures are not substitutes for Joy.”

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Joy is based on  
unbreakable love.

It grows from  
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It is eternal.





# Joy Accomplished

## Hebrews 12

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> 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.





# Joy Accomplished

Psalm 51:12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.





# Joy Applied

## Joy of the Lord

Nehemiah 8:10  
The joy of the LORD  
is your strength.

## Joy to the World

Luke 2:10b  
I bring you good news of great  
joy that will be for all the people.

*Maverick City Music song:  
"Joy to the World, Joy of the Lord"*





# Joy Applied

## 1 Peter 1

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him.

Though you do not now see him,  
you believe in him

***and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible***

and filled with glory,

<sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith,  
the salvation of your souls.





# BENEDICTION

Jeremiah 31:13

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

