

Because of the Joy It Gives

You Could Use a Stable Relationship – Part 2

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Luke 2:10-11 (NKJV-Emphasis added) - "Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of **GREAT JOY** which will be to all people. " For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

The Joy the bible speaks of is not derived from what we have or do not have, rather it stems from what we know cannot be taken from us.

1. Joy _____ .

Luke 2:8-9 (NLT) -"That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them."

2. Joy _____ .

Luke 2:10-12 – “But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

3. Joy _____ .

Luke 1:46-48 – “Mary responded, ‘Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. ⁴⁷How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! ⁴⁸For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.”

Luke 1:29-30 - “Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ‘Don’t be afraid, Mary,’ the angel told her, ‘for you have found favor with God!’”

Joy is often found on the **other side** of the difficult choice to trust God instead of ourselves.

Matthew 15:11 – “I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have and so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy.”