

"Tidings of Comfort and Joy"

Announcement of **the birth** of Jesus

Luke 2:10-14 NLT

...but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

With whom is God pleased? Those who put their **faith** in him.

Hebrews 11:6 NIV

And without **faith** it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Romans 15:13 NIV

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace **as you trust in him** (*believe*), so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased! Everyone — from every people, tongue, tribe, and nation — who would **believe**.

What causes great joy? **The birth of Jesus**

The **good news** of The Savior—the Messiah, the Lord, Immanuel, being born as foretold, in the city of David!

John 15:11 NLT

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my **joy**. Yes, your **joy** will overflow!

Are you known for your JOY? _____

Philippians 4:4 KJV

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

Philippians 4:4 NLT

Always be full of **joy** in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Philippians 4:5 NIV

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Gentleness- a sweet **reasonableness**

“Joy grows in soil that’s been cultivated by **humility** and fertilized with **gratitude**.”

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James 1:22 NIV

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT

Always be **joyful**. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

“It is not joy that makes us grateful, it is gratitude that makes us **joyful**.”