



**Christmas @ Calvary
Advent Week #3: JOY
How To Rediscover Christmas Joy
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SERIES TEXT: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NLT

SERIES BIG IDEA: God gave the greatest gift in giving us Jesus.

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A CHRISTMAS JOY Acrostic:

- C:** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." - Jesus, Matthew 11:28 NIV
- H:** He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. Psalm 91:4 NIV
- R:** Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV
- I:** "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." - Jesus, John 15:11 NIV
- S:** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:1-2 NIV
- T:** "This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep." Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:9b-10 NIV
- M:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 NIV
- A:** "Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." - Jesus, John 16:24 NIV
- S:** Sing for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all you trees, for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel. Isaiah 44:23 NIV
- J:** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - Jesus, John 14:6 NIV
- O:** Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord, who have no confidence in the proud or in those who worship idols. Psalm 40:4 NLT
- Y:** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11 ESV

A Useful CHRISTMAS JOY Action Plan:

I. Joy is Rooted in Christ

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.” - Jesus, John 15:4 ESV

II. Complete Joy Requires Complete Obedience

“When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” - Jesus, John 15:10 NLT

III. Christians Share CHRISTmas Joy with Others

“I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!”
This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.” - Jesus,
John 15:11-12 NLT

Jesus



Dear Jesus: I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen

