

Sermon Notes
Believe the JOY of
Christmas
December 24, 2021



What is JOY?

“a _____ of well-being and happiness”

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What causes fear in your heart and life?

- *1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

1. JOY: J_____ O_____ Y_____ fear!

¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

What is the impact of God's favor resting on you?

- *Titus 4:4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.*

2. JOY: J _____ O _____ Y _____ salvation!

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

When God speaks, his Word compels me to:

- _____
- _____
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3. JOY: J _____ O _____ Y _____ life!

May your Christmas celebration be filled with JOY!

Applying to My Life:
SERMON REFLECTIONS



The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message:

Digging Deeper:
STUDY THIS WEEK: S.O.A.P. METHOD

Scripture: *Luke 2:8-20*

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Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*