

Joy to the World! (Pt. 1)

Selected Scripture

I. The Ultimate Source of Joy

Wrong Places to Look for Joy

1. The pleasures of life (Eccl. 2:10-11)
2. The pleasures of sin (Heb. 11:25-26)
3. The escape of drugs and alcohol (Is. 5:11)
4. Wealth (1 Tim. 6:9)
5. Possessions (Lk. 12:15)
6. Peace and tranquility (2 Kings 20:19)
7. Success (Eccl. 2:18-20)
8. The perfect life circumstances (Job 5:7; 14:1)

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A. The Person of God

1. The Unchanging Perfection of His Nature

- a. The Joy of the Father (1 Ch. 16:27; Pr. 8:30-31)
- b. The Joy of the Son (Mt. 25:21; Lk. 10:21; Acts 2:15-31; Heb. 1:8-9; 2:13; 12:2)
- c. The Joy of the Spirit (1 Th. 1:6; Gal. 5:22)

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1. The Unchanging Perfection of His Nature
2. The Unchanging Reflection of His Purpose
 - a. In His Own Character (Jer. 9:24; Micah 7:18)
 - b. In His Son (Is. 42:1; Mt. 3:17; 12:18; 17:5)
 - c. In His Creation (Gen. 1:31; Ps. 104:31)
 - d. In His People (Ps. 147:10-11; 149:4; Is. 62:4-5; Zeph. 3:17)
 - e. In Repentant Sinners (Ezek. 33:11; Lk. 15:7, 10, 22-24, 32)
 - f. In Loving Him and Obeying His Word (1 Sam. 15:22; Mk. 12:33-34)

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B. The Incarnation of His Son (Is. 9:2-3; Lk. 1:44, 47; 2:20, 28ff; Mt. 2:10; Lk. 2:8-11)

II. The Believer's Life of Joy