

From the Family Room

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The Source of Real Joy



But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! Listen, I bring you good news of great joy which is for all the people. This very day, in David’s town, a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ, the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11

Throughout history people have hunted for joy in life down every trail imaginable. Those hunting joy in worldly ways have failed to find it. Listed below are some territories of life that have failed to produce joy.

- Money — The American millionaire Jay Gould had plenty of money. But when dying, he said: “I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth.”
- Pleasure — Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure and did not deny himself any pleasure. He died at age 36. Just before he died, he wrote: “The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone.”
- Position and Fame — Benjamin Disraeli served twice as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and enjoyed position and fame. In his old age, he wrote: “Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret.”
- Power and Military Glory — Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, before he said, “There are no more worlds to conquer.”
- Solomon in his old age covered the pursuits listed above. His power, riches, experience of pleasure, and his knowledge is unmatched by anyone. He wrote the following in Ecclesiastes 1:2-3.
“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?

Where then is real joy found? The answer is simple –
IN JESUS CHRIST and AS A FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

If you keep my commandments you will live in my love just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and live in his love. I have told you this so that you can share my joy, and that your happiness may be complete. John 15:10, 11

We pray that your family will discover real joy in Jesus during this holiday season. We pray that all of our families will view life through the lens of joy found in Christ. We pray that our joy will overflow as we live in Christ’s love.

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