

We have joy: Luke 2:8-11 and I Peter 1:6-12

Week 3 in *Christmas is Coming*

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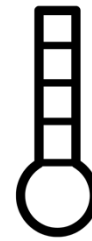
The joy Jesus brings is _____!

Joy level one: Angel joy (Luke 2:8-11)

The angel shares good news that brings _____. (v. 10)

Why was Jesus' birth such good news? He is:

- Savior (v.11)
- Messiah (v.11)
- Lord (v.11)



Joy-o-meter

Joy level two: Believer joy (1 Peter 1:6-12)

Since Jesus died and rose, we have _____ (vv. 6, 12)

Why is Jesus' death and resurrection even better Good News? We are:

- Born again! - spiritually alive (v. 3)
- Promised an inheritance! - priceless and secure in heaven (v. 4)
- Deeply loved! - so much that Jesus died (v. 8)

When we believe the Good News, we have _____ (v. 6) that is:

- _____ (v.8) _____
- _____ (v.8) _____

Joy in Jesus is a G.I.F.T.

Remember!

To allow God to change our hearts, we need to meet with Him. *The Daily Connections* (*Good Morning God*, *Spiritual Boost*, *Good Night Review*) open up our lives to allow God to change us from the inside out.

Good Morning God is to be done when we first wake up in bed at the beginning of every day. Your *Spiritual Boost* connects you with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when you have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, you finish your day with *Good Night Review*, and you allow God's joy and forgiveness to come to you as you drift to sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and they have been part of following Jesus for many of Jesus' followers over the last 2000 years. Try it yourself and see how your relationship with God deepens and how you are fundamentally changed by spending time with God!

Spiritual Boost Bible Readings for Advent week #3: We have joy!

Day 1: Luke 2:8-11

- * Which of these names of Jesus means the most to you? Reflect on its meaning and apply it to one of the hardships you are experiencing.

Day 2: 1 Peter 1:3-5

- * What is so special about the inheritance God has in store for believers?

Day 3: 1 Peter 1:6-7

- * What is one of the reasons there is "wonderful joy" ahead for us? How can this affect your joy level now?

Day 4: 1 Peter 1:8-9

- * What might it look like or feel like to have "glorious, inexpressible joy" in your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a fresh experience of joy.

Day 5: 1 Peter 1:10-12

- * Peter uses the word "wonderful" again in describing the Good News preached after Jesus died and rose again. It is so wonderful that even angels are excited to watch it unfold. Speak a praise to God for the Good News. Try expressing some inexpressible joy!