

Jesus - Others -Yourself

Joy

The angel said to the shepherds "I bring you good new of great **JOY**"

Christian **JOY** is defined as a "good feeling in the soul produced by the Holy Spirit as He causes us to see the beauty of His word and the world." It can also be produced by things the Lord creates in our lives to bring us Joy.

Having a relationship with Jesus is where true **JOY** is birthed and nurtured.

John 14:16 says "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper that He may be with you forever."

When we come to Christ, through salvation, the Holy Spirit comes and lives inside us.

Galatians 5:22-23 says "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **JOY**, peace, patience, kindness..."

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches; fruit will not produce or grow without being connected to the vine. We need to stay connected with and untied to Christ to experience the true joy of Christmas.

Nehemiah 8:10 "...the **JOY** of the Lord is your strength"

As we approach the Christmas season, we can have true **JOY** through the preparation of decorating, shopping, baking or reaching out to others in need if we allow Jesus to be the center of why we celebrate this special time of the year.

People will experience the beauty of Christ thru us. They will feel and see our **JOY** which is a reflection of us knowing Him.

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Simple Faith

The Joy of Christmas

Pastor Larry Kennedy



Luke 2:1-14

"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

Do you ever feel like Charlie Brown?

The business and activities of Christmas can steal our joy through financial pressure, time pressure and [exhaustion](#).

Luke 2:10

Joy is for [all](#) the people.

Joy comes from being [united with](#) and [connected to](#) Christ.

He is the Vine, we are the branches. John 15:5

Joy comes from [sitting with](#) and spending time with Jesus.

Joy comes from our [salvation](#).

Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Psalm 51:12

May we all experience love, peace and joy this Christmas season.