



HOPE ANTHEM CHURCH

Christmas Season: Advent – Joy

12.15.2024

Read: John 15:10-11

The _____ from God I get, the _____ I will have.
The _____ to God I get, the _____ I will have.

Read: Matthew 2:1-3, 8-10

WHAT DESTROYS JOY?

When the wise men were _____, they chose to follow God's light _____.

Read: Luke 1:26-38, 47

WHAT RESTORES JOY?

When Mary was _____, she chose to _____ God and _____ His plan.

Read: Matthew 1:18-21

When Joseph was _____, he chose to _____.

WHAT IS JOY?

1. Joy is _____. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
2. Joy is based _____. (Philippians 4:11)
3. Joy happens _____. (Deuteronomy 30:19)

WHAT NURTURES JOY?

Read: Isaiah 61:1-3

JOY WINS WHEN I:

- ✓ See God's _____ for my yesterday.
- ✓ See God's _____ for my today.
- ✓ See God's _____ for my tomorrow.

Psalm 30:5 NLV – Crying may last for a night, or many nights, but joy comes with the new day!

What has been stealing my joy?



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Extra Notes: _____

Advent: Peace

Jesus loves me the way He finds me today, but He loves me too much for me to stay this way. If I'm going to make a difference for Him with my life in 2024, then I must grow in HIM!

Growth often comes through wrestling with questions: If not, why not?

- *Have I joined a small group?*
- *Have I started my generosity journey?*
- *Have I discovered my purpose?*
- *Am I making a difference?*
- *Have I been water baptized?*
- *Who am I helping to make these decisions?*

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What can I do to be bolder in my Gospel witness? (Gospel = the good news about Jesus!)
Write down 6 names of unbelievers in your normal network.

Normal Network:

- Family*
- Workplace*
- Neighborhood*
- Hobby or Recreation*
- School*
- Other: _____*

Names of Unbelievers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Here are things we can do for the people we have named:

- A. I will pray for them 3 times every day for the next month.*
- B. I will invite them to church every week for the next month.*
- C. I will serve them in a meaningful way 2 times in the next month.*
- D. I will give them gospel-centered literature (book, app, podcast, etc.) and follow-up about it.*
- E. I will personally share Jesus with them and pray with them 1 time in the next month.*

The Holy Spirit has been preparing me for this moment. The question is, "Will I obey?"

A prayer for boldness: "Lord Jesus, make me bold like you and the early Christians. Don't let me rest until I obey all Your commands! Amen!" What in my life should ever be more important than living in the fear of the Lord? NOTHING! Now Go and Do what Jesus says!