

Christmas Joy

And the "Grinches" who steal it

Part 1-Misunderstanding

Luke 2:8-11

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Luke 2:10 (ESV)- And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

1. THERE IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL JOY

Isaiah 24:11 (ESV)-There is an outcry in the streets for lack of wine; all joy has grown dark; the gladness of the earth is banished.

Esther 5:9 (ESV)- And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.

2. THERE IS CERTAIN JOY

PERSON of God

Luke 2:11 (ESV)-For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

I Peter 1:8 (ESV)-Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

PRESENCE of God

I Chronicles 16:27 (ESV)-Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

Psalms 16:11 (ESV)- You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

PROMISES of God

Psalms 51:12 (ESV)- Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

3. CERTAIN JOY IS

A. Possible

Luke 2:10 (ESV)- And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Acts 13:52 (ESV)-And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22 (ESV)- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

B. Personal

Luke 2:11 (ESV)-For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

John 15:11 (ESV)-These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

C. Permanent

John 16:22 (ESV)-So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Isaiah 35:10a (ESV)- And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

D. Powerful

Proverbs 17:22 (ESV)- A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Nehemiah 8:10b (ESV)-And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

E. Plentiful

John 15:11 (ESV)-These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Here Is The Point: Let us live this Christmas season full of Certain Joy!
