

Here is Our King!

December 7, 2008

Joy to the World

Luke 2:1-20

V. 10 – But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great JOY that will be for all people...”

How do we define joy?

Joy exists outside of our _____

- We often equate joy with _____
- Mary and Joseph had neither.
 - o They were poor
 - o Jesus was not born in luxury but in a stable with the animals.
 - o We are unsure how Mary and Joseph’s community _____ to her pregnancy.

Joy can be found in the company of _____

- _____ and Rachel's Weeping
- The excitement of their guests alongside the escape in the night.

The primary difference between happiness and Joy:

- Happiness and unhappiness _____, but joy and sorrow can.

James 1:2-4 (NIV) - Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

The Joy of Christmas is intertwined with:

- The _____ and the Joy of the Resurrection!
- **Hebrews 12:2**

This mix of suffering and Joy is experienced in the _____!

Our joy is found wrapped in _____!

What is the Good News of great joy that will be for all people?

“A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord!”

Jesus is our _____

Romans 15:13 (NIV)- May the God of hope **fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

December Memory Verse: Psalm 107:1 (NLT) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.