

**“The Joy of Christmas”  
(Luke 2:8-14)**

**Introduction**

**Thesis:** I want you to consider with me four truths concerning the joy of Christmas from this narrative account, and I trust it will renew your soul and challenge your heart.

I. The joy of Christmas replaces \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 8-10).

II. The joy of Christmas is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11-12).

III. The joy of Christmas is expressed through \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13-14a).

IV. The joy of Christmas is experienced by \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14b).

**Conclusion**

**Text: Luke 2:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord *suddenly* stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of *angels* praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."

**Related Texts:**

**Hebrews 2:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

**Romans 8:15**

<sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons *and daughters* by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

**Isaiah 7:14**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will name Him Immanuel.

**Micah 5:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His times of coming forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."

<sup>3</sup> Therefore He will give them *up* until the time When she who is in labor has given birth. Then the remainder of His kinsmen Will return to the sons of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And He will arise and shepherd *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth.

**Isaiah 9:6-7** <sup>6</sup> For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of armies will accomplish this.

**Revelation 5:9-10** <sup>9</sup> And they \*sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slaughtered, and You purchased *people* for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation. <sup>10</sup> You have made them *into* a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth."

**Ephesians 1:7, 11-12**

<sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace

<sup>11</sup> In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will, <sup>12</sup> to the end that we who were the first to hope in the Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

**1 John 1:1-4** <sup>1</sup> What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— <sup>2</sup> and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup> what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.