

Advent - Week 3 - Joy

Isaiah 55:12 For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

▲ *"Joy is the serious business of heaven."* CS Lewis

Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Psalms 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full

▲ *"Joy—that sharp, wonderful Stab of Longing—has a lithe, muscular lightness to it. It's deft. It produces longing that weighs heavy on the heart, but it does so with precision and coordination ...It dashes in with the agility of a hummingbird claiming its nectar from the flower, and then zips away. It pricks, then vanishes, leaving a wake of mystery and longing behind it."* Lewis

▲ *"All Joy reminds. It is never a possession, always a desire for something longer ago or further away or still 'about to be'."* Lewis

▲ *"Joy (in my sense) has indeed one characteristic, and one only, in common with them [Happiness and Pleasure]; the fact that anyone who has experienced it will want it again"* Lewis

Theme Verse:

1 John 1:4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

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▲ Newness - New life - The feeling of life appearing from death / darkness -Symbolizes resurrection, growth, prosperity

Psalms 23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

Psalms 52:8 TPT But I am like a flourishing (green) olive tree, anointed in the house of God. I trust in the unending love of God; His passion toward me is forever and ever.

Psalms 65:12 TPT Luxuriant green pastures boast of your bounty as you make every hillside blossom with joy.

Jeremiah 17:8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Hosea 14:8 "Ephraim shall say, 'What have I to do anymore with idols?' I have heard and observed him. I am like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me."

Thoughts About Joy

Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Psalms 5:11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.

Psalms 30:5 For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

Psalms 43:4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

Psalms 51:12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit..

Psalms 126:5 Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

Isaiah 12:3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 29:19 The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord, And the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 61:3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Habakkuk 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Luke 1:14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Luke 2:10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

John 16:24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 17:13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy

CS Lewis Quotes on Joy:

- ▲ *“No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened.”*
- ▲ *“If a thing is free to be good it is also free to be bad. And free will is what has made evil possible. Why, then, did God give them free will? Because free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having.”*
- ▲ *“If you want to get warm you must stand near the fire: if you want to be wet you must get into the water. If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them. They are not a sort of prize which God could, if He chose, just hand out to anyone.”*
- ▲ *“Into the void of silence, into the empty space of nothing, the joy of life is unfurled.”*
- ▲ *“Joy is never in our power and pleasure often is.”*
- ▲ *“Those who put themselves in His hands will become perfect, as He is perfect- perfect in love, wisdom, joy, beauty, health, and immortality. The change will not be completed in this life, for death is an important part of the treatment. How far the change will have gone before death in any particular Christian is uncertain.”*
- ▲ *“Either the day must come when joy prevails and all the makers of misery are no longer able to infect it, or else, for ever and ever, the makers of misery can destroy in others the happiness they reject for themselves.”*