

the
GOOD  **NEWS**

**JOY
IS COMING**

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

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- What 3 things in your life bring a smile to your face faster than anything else?
- Do you serve others out of guilt or because you genuinely want to?
- Have you found ways to use the gifts God has given you for a purpose greater than yourself?

You don't have to feel happy in order to be full of joy.
God's promises can and will replace
our gloominess with joy.



Psalm 30:5b

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but joy comes with the morning.

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- Put your tree up today

Hebrews 12:1-2

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Luke 11:1-2

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Christ came for me. He died for me.
He rose from the dead for me.

“It’s not so much the joy of the Lord
we are seeking, it’s the Lord himself.” - C.S. Lewis