

Christmas Living

HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Joy

December 15, 2019

Luke 2:10-11, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 2:10-11 (NKJV), *“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”*

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT), *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.*

1. The Joy Of The _____

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT), *For God was in Christ...*

Colossians 2:9, *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,*

Hebrews 4:15, *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.*

2. The Joy Of _____

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT), *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,*

Ephesians 2:13 (NLT), *But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.*

John 3:16 (The Amplified Bible), *“For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He even gave His only begotten Son...”*

3. The Joy Of _____

2 Corinthians 5:19, 21, *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them....For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

Colossians 2:13-14, *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.*

4. The Joy Of _____

2 Corinthians 5:19-20, *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”*

Philippians 1:4-6, *In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*