

# Advent: The Coming of Messiah and the Promise of Joy

John 3:16-36; 15:1-17; 16:16-24; 17:1-19

With the Coming of Messiah, His Joy is Yours  
when you...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your sins and confess Jesus as Savior & Lord.

John 3:16-36

- 1) Share your \_\_\_\_\_ with someone...soon!
- 2) Share the \_\_\_\_\_ for the joy in your life.

*We all need Jesus as our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the "\_\_\_\_\_ Rule" for Christlike living.

John 15:1-17

- 1) How well do you \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus each moment?
- 2) How much \_\_\_\_\_ are you bearing for Jesus?

*Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_ of living life connected to Jesus.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to look beyond the pain & grief of the \_\_\_\_\_.

John 16:16-24

- 1) What is your first thought when something \_\_\_\_\_ happens?
- 2) What is your \_\_\_\_\_ to live "by faith and not by sight"?

*Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_ of those whose faith is in Christ alone.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ service and the glory of God a way of life in  
every \_\_\_\_\_.

John 17:1-19

- 1) How often do you \_\_\_\_\_ to be made a servant?
- 2) How will you bring God \_\_\_\_\_ in every moment?

*Joy is the \_\_\_\_\_ of every servant of Jesus.*

# "Joy to the World"

The words were written by Isaac Watts, 1719, as a paraphrase of one of his favorite psalms, Psalm 98, but not as a "Christmas carol;" it was written because Watts bemoaned the lack of joy in Christian worship and Christians in general and he believed our coming King (as well as the newborn King!) deserved to be celebrated!

These words were joined by Lowell Mason in 1836 to a melodic portion of Handel's *Messiah*.

**1** Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King!

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

**2** Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ,

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**3** No more let sins and sorrows grow,

nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

far as the curse is found,

far as the curse is found,

far as, far as the curse is found.

**4** He rules the world with truth and grace,

and makes the nations prove

the glories of His righteousness

and wonders of His love,

and wonders of His love,

and wonders, wonders of His love.