

Joy to the World!

December 10th, 2023

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Advent = the arrival of a notable _____, _____ or _____.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."
Luke 2:8-10

1, There is a difference _____
_____.

• _____ is _____.

- What we rely on for happiness _____
_____ or it's love for us is _____.

- We try to find happiness from _____,
_____ and _____.

• _____ can be _____.

- It comes when we connect with someone _____
_____ and loves us _____.

- It comes from a loving relationship with the one _____
_____.

2. We experience joy when we know that _____
_____.

_____ = the feeling experienced when _____
_____. To be glad and to be pleased.

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, ² 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. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
Hebrews 12:1-3

• We are to get rid of what keeps us from experiencing joy.

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...
Hebrews 12:1

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
Matthew 4:19 (KJV)

• We are to live the life that has been _____
_____.

...And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,
Hebrews 12:1

....fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.
Hebrews 12:2

• We are to live a _____.

• We are to keep our _____.

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. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
Hebrews 12:2-3

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

3. We can _____.

• Know that God loves who _____.

• Know that I can trust God to _____.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8

• Know that God has _____
_____.

• Know that God has a purpose _____
_____.

Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

- Remain _____.

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