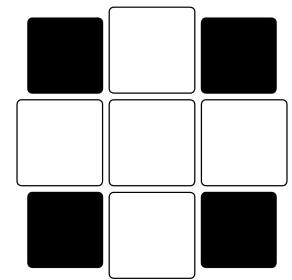


# Unexpected Joy

Scripture: **Luke 2:1–20**

Series: **Advent 2015: The Unexpected Savior**

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## Overview

True joy comes from the forgiveness of sin and fellowship with God. The fear that takes life is the fear of the wrath of God, but the joy that gives life is found in the birth of the Savior who has come to rescue us from our sins.

## Corroborating Texts

Isaiah 6:1-7, Luke 1:76-79, Isaiah 40:31

## Discussion Questions

1. Why is it so important to see the birth of Jesus as good news of great joy?
2. Do you tend to view the announcement of Christ's birth with great joy? If not, what tends to excite you, and what tends to distract you?
3. What's the connection between the wrath of God and the announcement of the coming of Jesus? What does this plan reveal to us about God?
4. Why is it so crucial to have joy in the gospel if we want to proclaim, treasure, and worship God? How does this joy naturally flow into care and service of others?