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Joy To The World

Matthew 1:23

NOTES:

THIS MORNING: JOY

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

**23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel"**

A Life of Joy is Found _____

Psalms 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

A Life of Joy is Now _____

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing . . . v11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

A Life of Joy is _____ by the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit enables us to live with Joy at ALL times

1 Peter 1:8 *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory*

Phil 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

2. A life of Joy requires ACTIVE participation with the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) Take an inventory of your heart; What motivates, excites, fulfills, and brings you satisfaction in life? Start each day this week with a short prayer reminding your mind and heart that a life of true Joy is found in the presence of God (Psalm 16:11).

2) God brought His presence to dwell among us by sending His son Jesus, Immanuel (Matthew 1:23)! As you navigate this Christmas season, bring your heart back constantly to the truth that Jesus has brought joy to the earth forevermore.

3) The Holy Spirit enables and invites us into a life of Joy (1 Peter 1:8). No matter what you are going through this week, engage with the Holy Spirit and allow him to produce that fruit of joy in your mind and heart.

SONGS

ANGELS (GLORY TO GOD)
LET US ADORE
GREAT ARE YOU LORD
GOD WITH US

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$35,228.33
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$1,643,498.71
YTD General Need: \$1,877,778.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (12/10): \$201,638.98

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