

# 12/16/18 | The Savior Brings Joy at Christmas



*"Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you." —Romans 6:17 | NIV*

## Joy at Christmas

1. Consider the lyrics of this Christmas song. Why is the world weary? Why is the new morn so glorious? What does this have to do with Jesus?

A thrill of hope,  
The weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks  
The new and glorious morn!  
—O Holy Night

2. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? What differences do you see between being slaves of sin and being sons of God? (See Romans 8:14 and Galatians 4:7 for more on this topic.)

## More Glorious

3. Read Philippians 4:4 and I Thessalonians 5:16. How often should we rejoice in the Lord?
4. According to Luke 10:20-21, why were the disciples to be full of joy? Why was Jesus full of joy?
5. Read Matthew 13:44-46. Why were the men in the two parables full of joy? How is that like the kingdom of heaven?
6. Read Philippians 2:1-2. What was Paul (author) asking the believers to do? Why? Do you experience "complete" joy when believers are unified?

7. According to Romans 5:8-11, why should we rejoice?
8. In the NIV, the phrase “how much more” or “all the more” occurs 5 times in this chapter. “Not only is this so” occurs twice. What comparison is Paul (author) trying to make? How does that make you feel?
9. 2 Corinthians 3:7-11 makes a similar point. Should there be joy in seeing God’s glory?
10. How often are you filled with joy for the kingdom of God, for the Gospel, and for God’s glorious plan of salvation?
11. This week, how have the verses from this study helped you be joyful in the Lord?

**TAKEAWAY:** The joy of the Lord is your strength.