



ADVENT OF JOY

BIG IDEA

The world gives you a joy you have to chase, preserve, and protect, but Jesus gives you a joy you receive, submit to, and release. Biblical joy isn't an emotion you feel when life goes well — it's a supernatural reality formed in you as you trust Him, abide in Him, and obey His Word. And when you move from chasing worldly joy to submitting to the joy of the Lord, you step into the strength, stability, and freedom your soul was created for.

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED

- Luke 2:10-11
- Psalm 16:11
- Romans 15:13
- Nehemiah 8:10
- Psalm 51:12
- John 15:9-11

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

- If your joy were a balloon this week — was it helium or human breath? Why?
- What's something that "used to bring you joy" that now you laugh at?
- Where do you notice your joy rising and falling the fastest? What does that reveal about its source?
- When you lose joy, what do you typically run to first — comfort, control, comparison, or Christ?
- Romans 15:13 says joy increases "as you trust Him." What area of your life needs deeper trust right now?
- What step of trust, abiding, or obedience would open the door for deeper joy in your life this week?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for restored Joy and truth this week.
- Celebrate God's faithfulness in this season of WHATEVER IT TAKES.
- Pray for God's blessing and direction on WHATEVER IT TAKES so that we may begin construction.
- Pray for all Bible teaching churches to grow through salvations and revival.