

INTRODUCTION

- During this time of the year family and friends gather together to celebrate Christmas.
- Although Christmas is a fun time, it is a time that we should all reflect on its true meaning, Jesus Christ.

JOY TO THE WORLD

- There is a song that we are all very familiar with that we sing at Christmas.
- This song is titled, "Joy To The World."
- I want to read the lyrics to you tonight, as we look into God's Word.

Song Lyrics:

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And Heaven and nature sing,

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And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

- These lyrics speak of Heaven and nature singing.
- They also speak of earth, however, earth is not described as singing.
- This song is implying that earth still has something to receive, a King.
- Jesus Christ coming to this earth was to bring joy to the world.

Luke 2:7-11 (KJV)

7 *And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

8 *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

9 *And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

10 *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of **great joy**, which shall be **to all people**.*

(MSG) *...I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide...*

11 ***For unto you** is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

-Jesus was not just sent to Mary and Joseph, He was sent to the world.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

-Again, these lyrics imply that mankind should be singing songs of joy.

-Nature sings the praises of God everyday.

-Everyday there are birds singing, rivers flowing, and more and more of His creation doing what He created it to do.

-Are we doing what He created us to do?

-Are we singing His praises and making room in our hearts for Him?

***No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make
His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.***

Galatians 3:13 (KJV)

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law,
being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is
every one that hangeth on a tree:*

-Jesus came to this earth to take away everything that could possibly harm us.

-"No more let sins and sorrows grow..."

-Sin and sorrow is not God's plan for your life, that's why He sent Jesus Christ, to free you from all sin and to bring joy to this world instead of sorrow.

***He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.***

-During the holidays we have many family members and friends over at the house.

-We clean. We cook. And we get everything prepared for their arrival.

-As we are doing our best to have everything perfect for those who are coming over, we need to remember the ***one guest*** who was sent specifically to come over to your house, Jesus Christ.

-The very beginning verses of this song said, "**Let every heart prepare Him room...**"

-Have you prepared for His arrival?

-Does He have a room in your heart today?

-Just like He came here supernaturally as a child to save the world, one day He will be returning for us, and those who have prepared a place for Him will go with Him.

-Those who have not, they will be eternally separated from Him.

-He came to bring joy to the world; that includes **your** life.

-No matter what you are facing, no matter what you have done, He is here, Emanuel: God with us, to make it all better.