

NOTES: Advent | Joy to Sorrow

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Joy to the World

The Advent Candle of Joy is lit, as the coming of Jesus, he came to bring a world that had despair to hope, a world that had conflict, peace, and a world and lives in sorrow, to joy.

Jesus can turn your sorrow to joy if you let Him.

About Joy:

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- What joy came to a godly, devout, old man named Simeon in Luke 2. He had a revelation He would see the Lord’s Christ before his life on this earth was over. When Jesus was brought, at 8 days old, to the temple to be circumcised the Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah. Simeon held the baby Jesus and said to God

Luke 2:29–32 “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

The Coming of Jesus the Savior brought a lot of joy because that is what Jesus does, if you let Him.

“Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty. But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away.” Psalm 90:10 *David*

Jesus Said “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” Jesus John 16:33

Glasses of Sorrow

1. Christmas Light 3 D glasses (Put them on)
2. Sunglasses
3. Googly eye glasses
4. Our own Glasses

Don’t miss out on what God has for you by being stuck in sorrow. Don’t miss out on his joy. Don’t give your family a version of you, God never intended. Let Him in. Let him love you, heal you and minister the joy.

John 15:11 “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”

Sermon Discussion Questions:

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1. What did you think of the message? Did it strike a chord with you? What was the Holy Spirit saying to you?

2. As you think about joy, what are some of the most joyful times of your life?

3. Review the joy, experienced to these parties at the Advent of Christ. Which one speaks to you? Which one do you identify with?

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4. Have you ever incorrectly thought that Jesus was going to make your life perfect? That you would have little to no problems in your life? What changed your view?

5. Read this verse, “Seventy years are given to us! Some even live to eighty. But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we fly away.” Psalm 90:10 *David*

6. Pastor Nate talked about how we deal with sorrow uses 4 pairs of glasses. Below is what he said about them. All of us have dealt with sorrow in these ways. Can you share? Did you have some of these glasses on during a time of sorrow? What did you learn?

Christmas Light 3 D glasses -Exaggerate our sorrow and it can seem to be way bigger that it really is. We feel we can never get past this, and never be normal again. We settle into this forever instead of grow through it.

Sunglasses---We can live in denial. Act like sorrow is not there.

Googly eye glasses- Sometimes we fixate on our situation or the person we feel is responsible for it and it became the only thing we can see. Our own Glasses-Seeing things emotionally healthy, through the eyes of wisdom, maturely, and through Christ-likeness, these classes actually clarify the situation and you can see it clearly for what it is.

Our own glasses-That help us see the situation clearly.

7. What are ways we can move toward Christ to put on the right glasses and see our sorrow through Hope, peace, that bring joy?