

GOD'S GLORIOUS JOY

God wants to put a new song in your heart.

The song Joy To The World was inspired by Psalm 98.

The original theme of Joy To The World was the second coming of the Lord.

Christmas **should** be a season of joy, yet it is often a season of stress and frustration.

Instead of looking to Jesus for joy, we often look for joy everywhere else.

Joy is not something we can look for, it must be received because joy is only something that is given.

Happiness is determined by your circumstances, joy is not.

Genuine joy depends upon what is happening on the inside of us.

Joy is an inner sense of wellbeing that has nothing to do with our circumstances.

Like the song says, we can have joy because the Lord is come.

If you receive Christ as the king of your life, then you **will** receive joy.

Are you in joy, are you enjoying Jesus, have you received Jesus?

1. There is joy when Jesus is received.

Not everyone was joyful about the birth of Jesus.

King Herod was anything but joyful at the news, there was no room for another king in his mind.

Many people today do not receive Jesus as king either, not as the king of their lives.

As a result, they do not receive joy.

King Herod saw Jesus as a threat, the wise men saw Jesus as a gift.

How do you see Jesus, as a threat or a gift?

2. There is joy when the Saviour reigns.

Some receive Jesus but don't let Him reign in their lives.

They don't want God to be in charge of their ethics, entertainment, language, where they live, who they date, who they marry, what career they choose, etc.

God's plan for your life is far better than your plan for your life.

God has an awesome plan for your life.

True joy is a byproduct of obedience.

3. There is joy when truth rules with grace.

Truth without love is dogmatism.

Love without truth is sentimentality.

But truth with love is true Christianity.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Psalm 98:1-9

Matthew 2:6

Micah 5:2

Luke 11:14-28

Revelation 12:1-5