

# Joy to the World

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## Luke 2:8-11 (ESV)

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

## JOY — What is it?

## Examples from life:

## True joy is . . .

### ◆ Found in \_\_\_\_\_

John 15:11 *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

### ◆ Refined in \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 12:2 . . . *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

### ◆ Celebrated in \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 15:10 *“Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

### ◆ Perfected in \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 4:13 *But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.*

## PSA Challenge

- **Pray:** Find your JOY in prayer in Christ alone
- **Study:** Develop and begin your 2010 study plan
- **Act:** One more opportunity (with boldness) in 2009

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