

THE JOY OF THE KING

“Joy to the world, the Lord has come. Let earth receive her King!”

1. JOY COMES WITH THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Luke 2:10-14, Isaiah 9:2-7

The kingdom of God = the effective reign of God; it’s where what God wants done is what is done

“The kingdom of God is what things would be like if Jesus ran everything and if his will was done everywhere... We say the kingdom has come when the Lord totally has his way, when he is running the show.” -- Rich Nathan

2. RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Romans 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- The promised coming of the Spirit in the Kingdom would bring righteousness, from which would spring peace

Isaiah 32:15-17

Righteousness

Righteousness in the Kingdom is a gift, not earned, but received and then put into practice

Romans 1:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:17

Peace

God’s Peace doesn’t mean not being in wartime. It’s a much broader word that describes a blessing that will sustain you right in the middle of wartime and difficulty.

The Hebrew word is shalom (both adjective and substantive), meaning, primarily, "soundness," "health," but coming also to signify "prosperity," well-being in general, all good in relation to both man and God. In early times, to a people harassed by foes, peace was the primary blessing. -- International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia

Joy

Joy, Rejoice defined: "...the feeling of exultant gladness which often finds outward expression in such actions as leaping, shouting, and singing. Joy is repeatedly shown to be the natural outcome of fellowship with God." - *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*

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Hebrews 1:8-9, Hebrews 12:1-2

- Pursuing happiness/joy as an end in itself is one of the surest ways to miss happiness
- Pursuing the Glory of God by fulfilling the work Jesus has called us to is one of the surest ways to find happiness/joy

John 17:3-5, John 15:9-11

- There is great joy at seeing people who are the fruit of our fulfilling the work Jesus has sent us to do, fulfilling their own work. In other words, Joy is like candle light – it gets brighter every time a new candle is lit...joy grows when it is shared.

3 John 4, Luke 10:17-22

4. LIVING IN THE JOY OF THE KING

- Since Joy is an expected experience in the Kingdom of God, I can use it as a “spiritual thermometer”.
- I can lose my joy when I am pursuing happiness anywhere other than in God Himself
- I can lose my joy when I let worry and stress (frustration at my inability to control life) reign
- I can lose my joy when I have not been in the harvest. There is joy in the Harvest Fields!

- Pray for the in breaking of the Kingdom, including the Joy of the King – “Your kingdom come, your will be done.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

- Use the power of choice to fix my attention on that which is eternal

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Philippians 4:8

- Intentionally look for any and every opportunity to touch somebody with the Kingdom of God in deed and in word: pay attention to people’s needs and always offer to pray, inviting God’s Kingdom to break into their situation.

Colossians 4:5-6 NIV

NOTES:

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We’d LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we’d love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’ve ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you’re **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You’ll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won’t regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns – 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Most of our **Community Groups** will not be meeting as we approach Christmas, but we'd like to give you a few things you can have as part of your daily time with the Lord.

- Go more in depth in the Sermon Notes, going through the verses and reflecting on them as you would in your **Community Group**. Use the cross references or commentary in your bible or Study Bible to help you further your study.
- With this Advent season upon us, this will be a great time to go through an Advent Devotional if you already are not. This devotional was taken from **Pastor John Piper's Desiring God** website. As you read each verse, spend time in prayer asking God to show you His great mercy, love and joy.
- **December 6: Peace to Those with Whom He's Pleased (Luke 2:12-14)**
- **December 7: Messiah for the Magi (Matthew 2:1-2)**
- **December 8: Bethlehem's Supernatural Star (Matthew 2:2)**
- **December 9: Two Kinds of Opposition to Jesus (Matthew 2:3)**
- **December 10: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh (Matthew 2:10-11)**
- **December 11: Why Jesus Came (Hebrews 2:14-15)**
- **December 12: Replacing the Shadows (Hebrews 8:1-2)**
- **December 13: The Final Reality Is Here (Hebrews 8:1-2)**
- **December 14: Making It Real for His People (Hebrews 8:6)**
- **December 15: Life and Death at Christmas (John 10:10)**
- **December 16: God's Most Successful Setback (John 17:18)**
- **December 17: The Greatest Salvation Imaginable (Jeremiah 31:31)**
- **December 18: The Christmas Model for Missions (John 17:18)**
- **December 19: Christmas Is for Freedom (Hebrews 2:14-15)**
- **December 21: The Birth of the Ancient of Days (John 18:37)**
- **December 22: That You May Believe (John 20:30-31)**
- **December 23: God's Indescribable Gift (Romans 5:10-11)**
- **December 24: The Son of God Appeared (1 John 3:7-8)**
- **December 25: Three Christmas Presents (1 John 3:7-8)**

For more daily readings from John Piper, such as a daily devotional App and a **free e-book** that corresponds with this devotional for Advent, go to

www.desiringgod.org/books/good-news-of-great-joy



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