

GREAT *Joy*
FOR ALL PEOPLE
Luke 2:8-15



Biblical joy is a God-given quality of gladness—more than an emotion—rooted in God’s character, His good works, and the promise of eternal life with Christ.



Luke 2:8-11

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.





Jesus is the source of heavenly joy.



Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 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.



Divine joy strengthens us when life is hard.

“The joy of the Lord is our strength.”
Nehemiah 8:10



John 15:9-12

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My **joy** may be in you, and that your **joy** may be full. ¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Divine joy grows when we love others as
Jesus loves us.



Experiencing divine joy when you don't feel cheerful:

- Return to the Good News
- Fix your eyes forward
- Receive joy as a gift
- Love someone with an act of kindness





ON THE ROAD

Home Run Gift

Our deepest joy is the good news that we have a Savior—Jesus Christ—a joy that sustains us in hardship and grows as we love one another.

