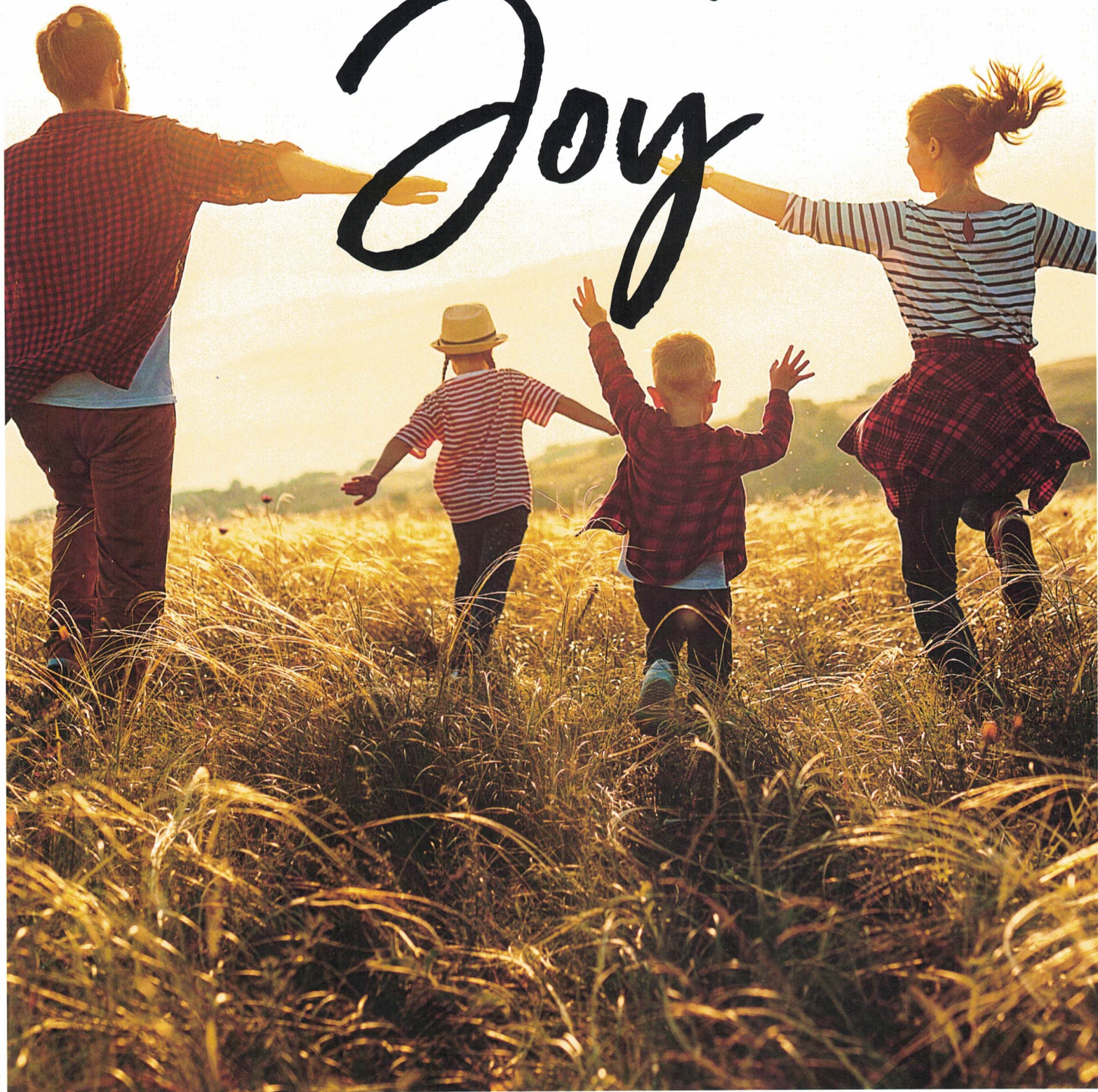


# Celebrating Sacred Joy





# Christmas from the Secular to the Sacred from the Happiest Time of the Year to

## The Deepest Joy for a Lifetime Part 1

- I. **Joy and Happiness** Are Not the Same and Must Not Be Confused
  - A. **Happiness** Is a Temporal, Subjective Emotional Feeling in Response to and Dependent on External Circumstances One Deems to be Good, Beneficial, Pleasurable cf Gen. 30:9-13; 2 Chr. 7:10; Psalm 128:2; Eccl. 4:16; Jer. 20:15 Jonah 4:6-7
  - B. **Biblical Spiritual-Joy** Abides Permanently and Independently of External Circumstances
    1. **Biblical Spiritual-Joy** Abides When Times Are Going Well and Things Are Deemed to Be Good cf 1 Sam. 6:13; 11:9, 15; 19:5; 2 Chr. 20:27; 29:36 Job 22:18-19; Psalm 66:6; 92:4; 104:10-15; 107:41-42; Jer. 41:13; 50:11 Ezk. 25:6 Joel 2:21, 23; Mt. 2:20; 13:44; 28:8; Mk. 14:11; Lk. 1:14; 2:10 Lk. 19:6; 22:5; 23:8; 24:41, 52; Jn. 16:21; Acts 12:14
    2. **Biblical Spiritual-Joy** Abides in the Midst of Adverse Occurrences cf Mt. 5:11-12; Lk. 6:23; Acts 5:40-41; 2 Cor. 7:4, 13; 2 Cor. 8:2; Col. 1:11, 24; Philipp. 2:18; 1 Thess. 1:6; Heb. 10:34; James 1:2; 1 Pet. 4:13
    3. The Possession of **Biblical Spiritual-Joy** Is Permanent cf Jn. 16:22; Gal. 5:20 cf Eph. 1:13; 1 Thess. 1:6; 5:16; Pet. 1:8
      - a. The Promise to the Original Disciples cf Jn. 16:22
      - b. **Biblical Spiritual-Joy** Is Fruit of the Holy Spirit Who Permanently Indwells All Believers cf Gal. 5:22 cf Eph. 1:13; 1 Thess. 1:8

# ***YOU ARE FOREVER SAVED!***



How can you not **REJOICE ALWAYS**? You are **FOREVER** saved **from** the **Penalty** of your sins!

How can you not **REJOICE ALWAYS**? You are **FOREVER** saved **from** the everlasting **horror of Hell**?

How can you not **REJOICE ALWAYS**? You are **FOREVER** saved **for** the everlasting **JOY** of the Heavenliness of Heaven!

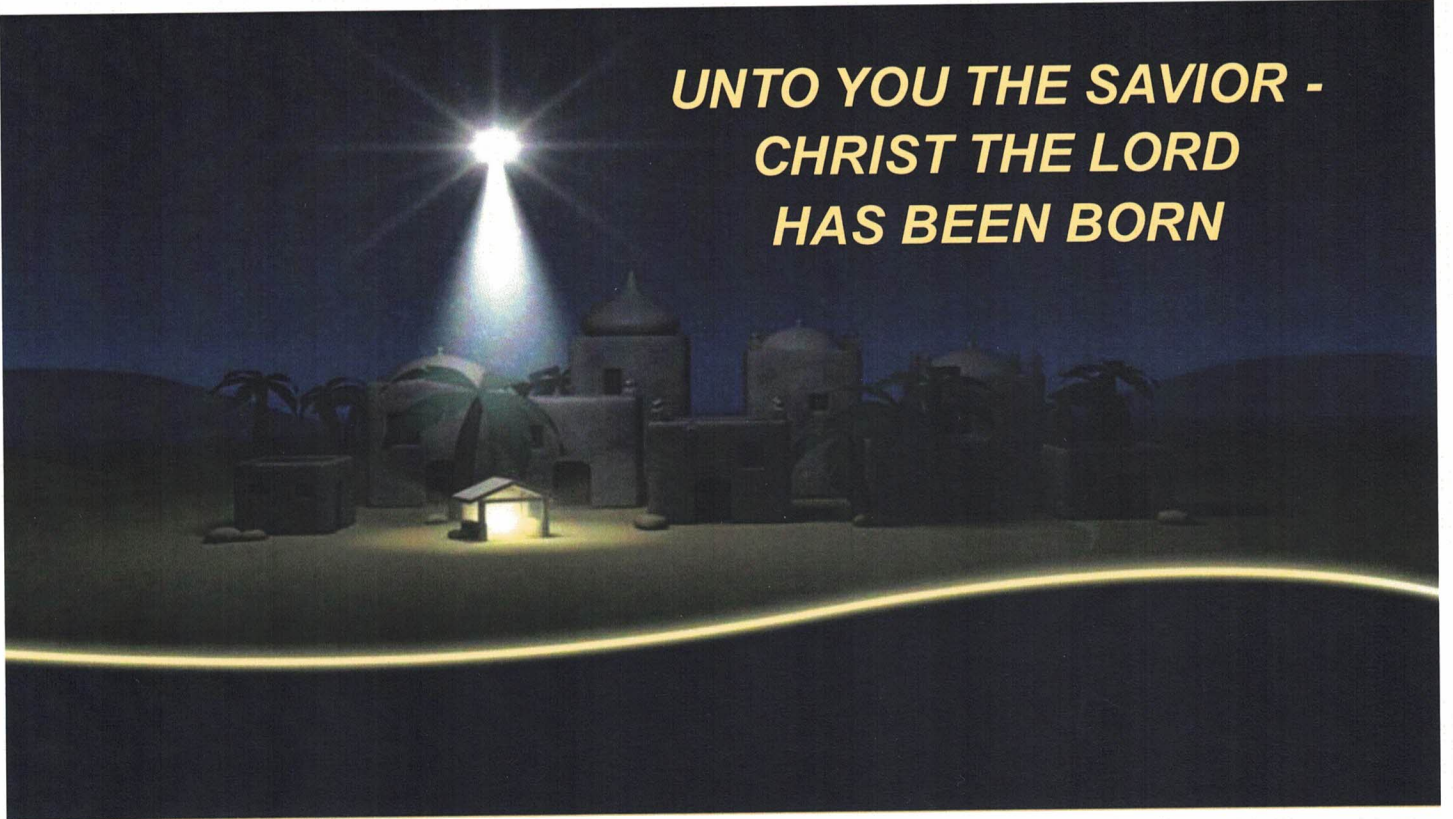
How can you not **REJOICE ALWAYS**? You are **FOREVER** saved to dwell in the **presence of the Lord**!

***“In the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy; and at  
Whose right hand there are pleasures forevermore!”***

***“I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
I will show forth all Thy marvelous works.  
I will be glad and rejoice in Thee  
I will sing praise to Thy Name,  
O thou Most High”***

**Psalm 9:1-2**

***UNTO YOU THE SAVIOR -  
CHRIST THE LORD  
HAS BEEN BORN***



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