

Lord's Supper Exhortation
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The world is looking for JOY in their lives. They are trying to fill in that space in their lives that is called JOY.

JOY was lost in the Garden when death came, but JOY returned through birth --- the birth of God's own Son.

Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem and there gave birth. That night there were some shepherds in the field and an angel appeared to them.

Luke 2:10-11 And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid for behold, I bring you good news of a great JOY which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

God has begun to give back to the world the JOY that was lost. Jesus Christ was sent into the world to bring JOY, hope and peace.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who, for the JOY that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 But now, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits go those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. But, each in his own order : Christ the first fruits, after that, those who are Christ's at His coming.

Today we have that JOY and let us remember where our JOY comes from. It is Jesus Christ our Savior who died in our place and arose to life eternal and we shall follow.