

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,” Jude 1:24

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the *marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready*” (Revelation 19:7).

“He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.” I John 2:9,10.

Joy to the World

By Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room. And heaven and nature sing and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

And heaven and nature sing and heaven and nature sing.

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Merry Christmas



“The Challenge of Christmas 2008”

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“The Challenge of the Unspeakable Gift of Joy”

TEXT: “When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” Job 38:7

“And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth”. Luke 1:14

“Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift”(II Cor. 9:15).

I. THE LIGHT OF THE INCARNATION BROUGHT JOY:

“For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. (Luke 1:44).

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth”(John 1:14).

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”(Isaiah 7:14). (Isaiah 8:8).

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matt. 1:23).

II. THE LIGHT OF THE TRANSFIGURATION BROUGHT JOY:

“And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid”(Matt. 17:2-7).

“And after six days Jesus taketh *with him* Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them” (Mark 9:2).

III. THE LIGHT OF THE CRUCIFIXION BROUGHT JOY:

“Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus

which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified” (Matt. 27:22).

IV. THE LIGHT OF THE RESURRECTION BROUGHT JOY:

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (I Peter 1:3).

“Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity”(II Tim. 2:18).

V. THE LIGHT OF THE ASCENSION BROUGHT JOY:

“And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.” Luke 24:50-53

“So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen” (Mark 16:19-20).

VI. THE LIGHT OF THE GLORIFICATION BROUGHT JOY:

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” I Tim. 3:16

“Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:” I Peter 1:8

VII. THE LIGHT OF THE REVELATION BRINGS JOY: