

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey you.*

**Psalm 51:12 (NLT)**

**CHRISTMAS REMINDS US THAT \_\_\_\_\_ HAS COME,  
AND BECAUSE HE CAME:**

- **FEAR DOESN'T WIN.**
- **HURT DOESN'T WIN.**
- **CONFUSION DOESN'T WIN.**
- **JOY \_\_\_\_\_.**

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:**

- I will memorize **Psalm 51:12 (NIV)**
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will accept Christ for the first time today
- I will sign up for the next baptism

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# Good News

That Brings Great **JOY**

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**What is Joy?**

**Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control, the quiet confidence that everything is ultimately going to be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in all things.**

Joy is **not** a feeling. It is **not** based on circumstances. Joy is an **inner stability** grounded in who God is and what He promised.

**Joy vs. Happiness**

- **Happiness** depends on what happens. When circumstances change, happiness evaporates. Happiness is external.
- **Joy** depends on Christ. Joy remains even when life shakes, breaks, or takes unexpected turns. Joy is internal.

**HAPPINESS IS AN \_\_\_\_\_.**

**JOY IS A \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3 DESTROYERS OF JOY AND  
3 CHOICES THAT BRINGS GREAT JOY**

**1<sup>ST</sup> DESTROYER OF JOY IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end. How will this be, Mary asked the angel, since I am a virgin?"* **Luke 1:26–34 (NIV)**

**1. WHEN MARY WAS \_\_\_\_\_, SHE CHOSE TO \_\_\_\_\_  
GOD AND \_\_\_\_\_ HIS PLAN.**

*"How will this be, Mary asked the angel, since I am a virgin? The angel answered, The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail. **I am the Lord's servant, Mary answered. May your word to me be fulfilled. Then the angel left her.**"* **Luke 1:34–38 (NIV)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> DESTROYER OF JOY IS RESENTMENT OVER \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit."*  
**Matthew 1:18 (HCSB)**

**2. WHEN JOSEPH WAS HURT, HE CHOSE TO \_\_\_\_\_  
AND \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."*

**Matthew 1:19–21 (HCSB)**

**3<sup>RD</sup> DESTROYER OF JOY IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived unexpectedly in Jerusalem, saying, Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born. In Bethlehem of Judea, they told him, because this is what was written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah: because out of you will come a leader who will shepherd My people Israel. Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and asked them the exact time the star appeared."*

**Matthew 2:1–7 (HCSB)**

**3. WHEN THE WISEMEN WERE \_\_\_\_\_, THEY  
CHOSE TO FOLLOW GOD'S LIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ AT A  
TIME.**

*"He sent them to Bethlehem and said, Go and search carefully for the child. When you find Him, report back to me so that I too can go and worship Him. After hearing the king, they went on their way. And there it was—the star they had seen in the east! It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was."*

**Matthew 2:8–9 (HCSB)**

*"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."*  
**Psalms 119:105 (NLT)**