

The source of our joy is <u>Jesus</u> and what He <u>HAS DONE</u> FOR <u>US</u>.

I. He **COMES** to us.

When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy.

~ Luke 1:44

I. He **COMES** to us.

I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all the people. The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

~ Luke 2:10-11

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Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others."

~ *Luke 2:34*

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When they saw the star, they were filled with joy.

~ *Matthew 2:10*

- I. He **COMES** to us.
- II. He ACCEPTS us.

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.

~ Luke 19:6

- I. He **COMES** to us.
- II. He ACCEPTS us.
- III. He **FORGIVES** us.

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of sin.

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- III. He **FORGIVES** us.
- IV. He **CONQUERS DEATH**.

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message.

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As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!

Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ!

~ 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

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- III. He **FORGIVES** us.
- IV. He **CONQUERS DEATH**.
- V. He BRINGS SALVATION.

... so also Christ died once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

~ *Hebrews 9:28*

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege were we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

