

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

Joy in Christ

John 15:11; 17:13; Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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F $\frac{Am}{C}$ C7 F C $\frac{Am}{C}$

1. We chase so much we don't pos - sess To
2. Our Lord is God. Our Lord is here. His
3. Though life is filled with wea - ry pain And
4. Our Lord, our God, we find in You A

Dm BbM7 Bb $\frac{F}{A}$ BbM7 C F C7

quench a thirst we can't ex - press. All is wea - ry
heart is kind. His Word is clear: Faith will chase a -
nag - ging prob - lems all re - main, He is ev - 'ry
light, a joy for all we do. Glad in what is

F C Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm7 C7 F

rest - less - ness Till life and joy are found in Christ. Come,
way all fear Till joy is full in Je - sus Christ. I
day the same. Re - joice, re - joice in Je - sus Christ! I
al - ways true, We wor - ship You, Lord Je - sus Christ! For -

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C C¹³ F $\frac{E}{C}$ Dm B^{b6} B^{bM7} C^{9sus} C

O my Lord, O my Lord, my Lord! The
 turn to You, O my Lord, my Lord! To -
 sing, my Lord, O my Lord, my Lord! Re -
 ev - er - more, O my Lord, my Lord, All

Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ $\frac{E}{A}$ Gm⁷ C⁷ F $\frac{E}{C}$ F

joy we crave is all in Christ.
 day is joy in Je - sus Christ.
 joice, re - joice in Je - sus Christ!
 praise to You, Lord Je - sus Christ!

TOPICS: Advent; Assurance & Comfort; Faith; Knowing Christ; Living in Christ; Praise & Worship

LEAD-IN: *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*
 (Philippians 4:4, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Rejoice in Jesus Christ!

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”
(John 15:5, 11, NIV)

Jesus paints a beautiful picture of our life in Him. We are like a branch connected to the Vine. We are fruitful as we remain in Him. Our prayers are answered as we remain in Him.

Why has He told us all this? What does He want for us?

Jesus longs for us to share the joy He finds in His Father, in loving, trusting, and obeying His Father. He wants us to know His joy, and He wants our joy to be *full!*

How is joy different than happiness? Normally we connect happiness with temporary circumstances. We are happy because we are on vacation, or our relationships are going smoothly, or our health is good, or we feel financially comfortable.

We are joyful because of what doesn't change:

Who Jesus is,
our daily relationship with Him,
our future in Him.

Jesus wants us to rejoice because of what is always ours in Him.