

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Be of Good Cheer
Message: Be of Real Joy
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This Christmas is a great time to remember the amazing gifts God has offered us that fuel Real Joy.

God came to rescue me.

¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Colossians 1:13–14 (NLT)

All of my sins are forgiven.

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.

Colossians 2:13 (NLT)

I am now in His family.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12 (NLT)

My future is secure.

I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

John 5:24 (NLT)

I can really change.

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

God will provide all I need.

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

Nothing can separate me from His love.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹⁰ ...the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem...

Luke 2:10–11 (NLT)

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come."
—From Isaac Watts' song

Joy (def): deep-seated confidence and assurance that comes from God regardless of outer circumstances.

There is a significant difference between happiness and joy.

Real Joy is available to anyone and everyone who embraces Jesus as their Savior and Leader.

You and I can choose to live a life of real joy.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, let me say one more thing as I close this letter. Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

God came to rescue me. (Colossians 1:13-14)

All of my sins are forgiven. (Colossians 2:13)

I am now in His family. (John 1:12)

My future is secure. (John 5:24)

I can really change. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

God will supply all I need. (Philippians 4:19)

Nothing can separate me from His love. (Romans 8:38-39)