

JOY ENTERS YOUR WORLD

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BIG IDEA: Joy is something the Father, Son and Spirit have always shared, and in Jesus, that joy has come to earth!... has come to us!... has come to you to stay!

1. Joy is IN GOD—in the circle of Father, Son and Spirit.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full.” **John 15:11**

“Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be full.” **John 16:24**

“that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.” **John 17:13**

“filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy” **1 Peter 1:8**

2. Joy came to earth IN JESUS!

“Don’t be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” **Luke 2:10**

“You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil... for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.” **Isaiah 9:3, 6** ESV

“I am not just bringing the joy, I’m bringing with me the relationship that is the joy!”

“At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.” **Luke 10:21**

“The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.” **John 3:29**

“this is the real and eternal life: That they know you, the one and only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.” **John 17:3** Message

3. Joy LIVES IN US NOW because Jesus is Joy

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.” **John 17:13**

‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ **Matthew 25:21** ESV

Joy and Grace: A family thing!...

Joy is *charas*. **Grace** is *charis*.

Root: *chairos*: **joy-fully, rejoice, to be glad! Joying**

“For from his fullness we have all received, *joy* upon *joy*. For the law was given through Moses; *joyous grace* and truth came through Jesus Christ.” **John 1:16-17** ESV

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of *joyous grace* and truth.” **John 1:14**

“And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the *joy* of God was upon him.” **Luke 2:40**

Grace is the joyous, personal, empowering investment of God in you!

“God’s kingdom isn’t a matter of what you put in your stomach, for goodness’ sake. It’s what God does with your life as he sets it right, puts it together, and completes it with *joy*.” **Romans 14:17** Message