

There were shepherds living out in the fields... keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:8-10 (NIV)

Looking for Something More More Joy this Christmas!

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More Joy is Possible Because Christ's Birth Tells Me That...

■ *God* _____ *Me!*

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16** (NIV)

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. **John 10:10** (NLT)

■ *God* _____ *Me!*

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. **John 1:14a** (MSG)

Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! **Hebrews 4:15** (CEV)

■ *God* _____ *Me!*

God didn't send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. **John 3:17** (NLT)

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **Romans 8:31** (NIV)

How Can I Experience More Joy this Year?

1. *By Choosing to* _____.

The angels left them and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about." **Luke 2:15** (GW)

Jesus answered, "... The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." **John 18:37** (NIV)

2. *By Choosing to* _____.

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." **Luke 2:14** (NIV)

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. **John 1:9-13** (NIV)

3. *By Choosing to* _____.

After seeing Him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. **Luke 2:17** (NLT)

So thank GOD for his marvelous love... ²² Offer thanksgiving sacrifices, tell the world what he's done! **Psalms 107:22** (MP)

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. **Psalms 126:5** (NIV)

I tell you there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes his heart and life, than over ninety-nine good people who don't need to change. **Luke 15:7** (NCV)

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