

## A Reflection For Today

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### Advent & Joy

As we get closer to Christmas, the day that we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. I think about the feeling of joy that it brings. Christmas is a time of love, peace, and joy. It's a time to reflect on the joy that we have and the things that we sometimes take for granted, the precious gift of seeing a new day, and all the blessings that God gives to us. We sometimes get caught up with shopping, busyness, and the exchanging of gifts, as we prepare for Christmas. But in this time of Advent let us not just prepare for the materialistic things but let us prepare our hearts and our minds. Let us have a spirit of joy to welcome our Savior. Let's think about the true meaning of Christmas. The joy that we have in knowing that Jesus came to give us life.



The song says, joy to the world, the Lord has come, let Earth receive her king. During this time of advent as we await the birth of Jesus, let us prepare our hearts and remember what God has done for us through the birth of Jesus Christ his son. Also. Let us remember that our joy comes from him, Jesus the light of the world.

Jesus through his light, gives joy to the world. He overcame the bitterness and despair in the world. And we have joy through his birth. The joy that satisfies us. Happiness is temporary, but joy, God's joy is everlasting.

In the Bible 1Peter 1:8 says, though you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

So, because of our faith we believe in him. We believe that he is, our Savior, and because we believe we have joy.

Let us spread our joy during this advent season. Let us show our love and give joy to those that may be in despair. Let the joy of Jesus shine through us. And let us receive our king with joy, love, and gratefulness.

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