

Message Series: **The Questions Christmas Answers**

Message Title: **'Is Joy Really Possible?'**

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

"It's an amazing privilege to know what we know and it would be a great tragedy to go to one's grave without this." - Richard Dawkins

*"I bring you good news that will cause great joy." Luke 2:10*

JOY IS REALLY POSSIBLE

*"In your presence there is fullness of joy." Psalm 16:11*

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

JOY IS A BI-PRODUCT

JOY MUST BE CULTIVATED

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Philippians 4:4*

*"But if that place is too distant and you have been blessed by the Lord your God and cannot carry your tithe (because the place where the Lord will choose to put his Name is so far away), then exchange your tithe for silver, and take the silver with you and go to the place the Lord your God will choose. Use the silver to buy whatever you like: cattle, sheep, wine or other fermented drink, or anything you wish. Then*

*you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the Lord your God and rejoice.” Deuteronomy 14:24-26*

*“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2*

Heaven will invade earth one last time. There will be no more loneliness. No more grief. No more pain. No more sadness. There will be unrestrained excitement, raw delight and mega joy.

“Again, again, again.”