



**Wednesday Dec 25, 2013**  
**Unending Joy, Perfect Peace**  
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Scripture Text : Luke 2:1-14 (emphasis vs 10,14)

**Two Great Commodities (possessions) : Joy and Peace**

Definitions :

Joy - that sense of fulfillment, happiness, contentment and inner pleasure

Peace - the sense of tranquility, inner calm, quiet, rest

People all over the world, across all ages desire for Joy and Peace.

From the corporate CEO to the simple man in the village - everyone longs for this.

In the midst of all we do, in the midst of all our busyness, our pursuit of success, achievements, making money, going up the corporate ladder, getting married, having a home, a family, etc. etc. - it all boils down to the fact that ultimately, all of us want these two important commodities: Joy and Peace.

Unfortunately - none of these things can guarantee peace and joy.

Money, fame, success, marriage, possessions, etc... - none of these things can guarantee peace and joy.

**Looking for Joy and Peace in the wrong places**

Sadly, many get disillusioned and go looking for joy and peace in the wrong places - drugs, sex, relationships, etc. etc.

We are on an endless journey in the pursuit of happiness.

Sometimes in our pursuit of happiness we resort to wicked and deceitful ways thinking that we must possess this, at all costs.

**Job 20:4,5**

**4 "Do you not know this of old, Since man was placed on earth,**

**5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?"**

**Great World Leaders Promise Peace**

World leaders attempt to bring joy and peace through economic growth and prosperity.



But whom can you trust today. They are like the leaders Jeremiah talks about:

**Jeremiah 6:13,14**

**13 "Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone is given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the priest, Everyone deals falsely.**

**14 They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace.**

### **Its not found in an "inward journey" of self-discovery**

Some people may say that to find true joy and peace you have to journey to your inner self...you have to make an inward journey of self discovery.

The heart of man is utterly wicked

**Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"**

How can you find peace and joy inside a heart that is filled with lust, hatred, unforgiveness, anger, jealousy, pride?

How can you find peace and joy inside a heart that has been broken, hurt, wounded, in pain, filled with disappointment?

How can you find peace and joy inside a heart that carries the shame of wrongdoing, the cannot shake of the guilt of immoral deeds, etc.?

The problem is sin at the very core of our being.

Sin is the real cause of inner turmoil, restlessness, lack of joy and peace.

Man without God can never be at peace.

**Isaiah 48:22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."**

Sin tears us apart.

Sin robs us of all joy and peace.

Sin ruins us.

Sin disconnects us from our Creator God - who is the Source of Joy and Peace.

Sin ultimately disposes us to an eternity without God in hell.

### **Two Thousand Years Ago - The Birth of Jesus Christ**

**Luke 2:10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.**

**Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**



Isaiah 9:6,7

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

His life, teaching and ministry - overview

He came for a specific purpose - to deal with the sin that had ruined mankind.

He dealt with sin on the Cross on which He died.

### **The Man of Sorrows, Who Brings Unending Joy**

Isaiah 53:3,4

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

### **The Punishment for Our Peace**

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

### **Jesus - the Fountain of Unending Joy, The Source Perfect Peace**

Jesus touches us at the very root of our being.

He changes us from inside

He gives us what we really need - a new heart.

His blood cleanses, washes, removes our sin.

He brings us into a right relationship with God - this is where true joy and peace come from.

### **The Joy He Brings**

*It's His Joy in our hearts*

John 17:13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

*It's a joy no one can take away from you*

John 16:22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

*It's a joy that will cause you to be joyful regardless of your situation*

Habakkuk 3:17,18



17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

*It's a joy that will energize you.*

Nehemiah 8:10 "... for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*It's a joy that is inexpressible even when you are being tested by fire*

1 Peter 1:7,8

7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,  
8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

## The Peace He Brings

*His peace which the world cannot give!*

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

*Peace, in spite of external disturbances*

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

*It's a peace that is not disturbed by opposition or persecution*

Luke 12:51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.

*A peace beyond all description*

Philippians 4:7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

## Salvation Call

Joy and Peace comes through believing

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

It comes when you become part of His Kingdom - and is brought into your life by God's Spirit

Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.



Ultimately, there is coming a time, when all things will pass away - our grandest corporations, our tallest buildings, our longest bridges, our biggest monuments, all of this will pass away - forgotten. Permanently erased. There will be new heavens and a new earth.

The question is where will you be?

Will you be IN this new heaven and new earth or OUT of it?

**Revelation 21:7,8**

**7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.**

**8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."**

Jesus said:

I am the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE, no one comes to the Father, except through Me.



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