

Almost Christmas

Part 3-Altogether Joy

Luke 1:39-44

Our world offers an “Almost” Joy...

- Joy that is dependent upon our MOODS.
- Joy that is related to our CIRCUMSTANCES.
- Joy that comes from outward RELIGIOUS activity.

Consider Altogether Joy...

1. Joy is something we should SHARE with others.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. Luke 1:39-40 NIV

2. Joy is a GIFT from God.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" Luke 1:41-43 NIV

3. Joy comes with many blessings and CHALLENGES.

Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her! Luke 1:44 NIV

Joy is not found in what is happening around us and to us, but rather in the NEW LIFE that is living within us.

Where do you find your joy?

How have you been challenged in your joy this Advent season?

How can you find joy in your relationship with Jesus today?

