

Joy to the World!

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No matter how ugly and dark this world around us gets, it's very important for every person to realize the most important truth of all - there is a light of joy, love and victory more powerful and overcoming than any evil that exists.

That light is the Light of the World and His name is Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. While some may feel completely overwhelmed by the evil around them and wonder if God even exists, let alone is aware of the terror and destruction around us, we want everyone to know with certainty that God is very much alive and on the throne!

God is very much aware of the evil in this world, Jesus even told us that as long as we live in the world, we are going to experience troubled times. But those of us who choose to surrender our lives to Jesus are not just in the world, we are in Jesus, in the world! That makes all the difference!

Look at what John 26:33 says, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have

overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]" Amplified Version.

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Before the foundation of the world, God knew, because of man's choices, trouble would seem to overcome the earth. He had already decided to send Himself, in the person of His only Son to walk among us and sacrifice Himself for us

to overcome the power evil has over us. That's why, at the time of his birth, the angels burst into song, declaring, "Joy to the earth - The Lord is come!"

No matter how dismal or hopeless the world around you may seem, cheer up dear friend, have perfect peace and confidence because the victorious Prince of Peace who has overcome every obstacle you will ever face, has taken residence in your heart! You have peace and victory because you are not alone in this world, you are not a victim to its evil. You are in the Victor and your daily yielding to His love and wisdom from His Word will keep you safe and secure and victorious.

May this Christmas be a sure reminder of this wonderful truth and promise! Lift up your eyes and join the angels, declaring that in Jesus, there is true joy! "Joy to the world!"

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