



THE KEYS OF CHRISTMAS PT.3

THE KEY OF JOY

RECAP:

QUOTE: SEE, I TRULY THINK THAT TOO MUCH OF ANYTHING THAT ISN'T INHERENTLY BAD, EVEN SOMETHING GOOD BUT ISN'T GOD, CAN TURN INTO A BAD THING. -PR

AND WE CAN LOSE SIGHT OF THE REASON OF THE SEASON BECAUSE OF THE FESTIVITIES OF THE SEASON.

THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WE HOPE TO PAUSE AND REDISCOVER THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS, TO SEEK THE "KEYS" OF REIGNITING THE FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE OF CHRISTMAS AND REFOCUS US ON JESUS CHRIST.

IT'S AN OLD STORY, BUT I HOPE TO SEE IT WITH FRESH EYES THIS YEAR...

KEY #1 WE TALKED ABOUT THE KEY OF FAITH... TO EXPERIENCE THIS KING OF PEACE, KNOWING THAT GOD IS WORKING WITHIN YOU REQUIRES SOMETHING VITALLY IMPORTANT:

FAITH.

Ephesians 2:8-9 HEBREWS 11:19-22

KEY #2 WAS HOPE... MOST OF US BUY INTO CRAZY THINKING EVERY YEAR. IF I ONLY HAD THIS OR THAT, THEN I COULD SOMEHOW BE HAPPY ...

QUOTE: “Where you place your hope is imperative to your experience of joy.” -Matt Chandler

PART 3:

LUKE 2:6-19

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

NOT ONLY WAS JESUS BORN BUT HE CAME AND LIVED A PERFECT LIFE, AND HE DIED FOR ME AND FOR YOU ON THE CROSS:

ROMANS 3:21-26 CEB

ROMANS 5:6-11

WE HAVE SOMETHING TO REJOICE, TO BE JOYFULL ABOUT THIS MORNING!

TRUTH: HAPPINESS IS TEMPORARY, FLEETING, AND BASED ON EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCES, ENDORPHINS, AND WORLDLY PLEASURE. IT COMES AND GOES.

TRUTH: JOY IS NOT AN EMOTION BUT A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, IT DOES NOT COME FROM TEMPORARY THINGS, EXPERIENCES, ETC. BUT IS SOMETHING THAT COMES VIA THE HOLY SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 5:22-26

JESUS TELLS US THAT HE APPOINTS US TO BEAR FRUIT:

JOHN 15:12-17

AND JOY IS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT....

THE DEVIL/WORLD DID NOT GIVE IT! AND THE DEVIL/THE WORLD CANNOT TAKE IT AWAY!

THE WORD "JOY" 5479. Chara χαρά: Derived from the Greek verb χαίρω (chairō), meaning "to rejoice" or "to be glad."

"chara" is used to describe a deep, abiding sense of joy and gladness that is rooted in spiritual realities rather than external circumstances.

QUOTE: JOY IS WHAT FAITH DOES WHEN IT LOOKS TO THE PROMISES OF GOD!

A Song of Ascents:

PSALM 126

- 1. TRY TO THINK ABOUT WHERE YOUR LIFE WOULD BE IF GOD HAD NOT SAVED YOU.**
- 2. IN WHAT WAYS DID GOD USE YOUR "HIGHS AND LOWS" TO BRING YOU TO A DEEPER AND MORE PERSONAL PLACE WITH HIM?**
- 3. IS THERE A MOMENT THAT YOU CAN REMEMBER THAT GOD STEPPED IN AND CHANGED A SITUATION THAT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE?**
- 4. IS THERE A MOMENT WHEN YOU FELT GOD COMFORT YOU, OR HE SENT SOMEONE TO COMFORT YOU WHEN YOU WERE STRUGGLING?**

JAMES 4:2-3

1 PETER 5:6

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

LUKE 2:9-20

Why did Mary respond differently? The shepherds' good news was amazing indeed, but it was not surprising or unexpected for Mary.

4933. συντήρῳ συντηρέω: To preserve, to keep, to maintain, to guard closely

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TREASURED UP IN YOUR HEART THAT BRINGS FORTH JOY?