

**Come and Worship: 1 of 4**  
**“Joy”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**December 9, 2018**

**Sermon Teaching**

**Big Idea:** Jesus is the reason for the season.

**This Christmas I Can Receive Joy When I:**

**1. Make Room For \_\_\_\_\_**

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come Let earth receive her King Let ev’ry heart **prepare** Him room and Heaven and nature Sing”

“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 of **great joy** that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a **Savior** has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” **Luke 2:9-12 (NIV)**

“Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me. For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw his unfailing love from me.” **Psalm 66:16-20 (NLT2)**

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**2. Let Jesus \_\_\_\_\_**

“Joy to the earth the Savior **reigns** let men their songs employ.”

Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?” **Luke 9:23-25 (NLT2)**

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.” **John 15:1-4 (NLT2)**

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### 3. Sing \_\_\_\_\_

“Joy to the earth the Savior reigns let men their **songs** employ.  
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains **repeat** the sounding joy.”

“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** to men on whom his favor rests.” **Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)**

“**Shout for joy** to the LORD, all the earth. **Worship** the LORD with **gladness**; come before him with **joyful songs**. / **Know** that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with **thanksgiving** and His courts with **praise**; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the **LORD is good** and **His love** endures forever; **His faithfulness** continues through all generations.” **Psalms 100:1-5 (NIV)**

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### 4. Receive His \_\_\_\_\_

“He rules the world with **truth and grace** and makes the nations prove. The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His Love...”

“But God is so rich in **mercy**, and He **loved** us so much, that even though we were **dead** because of our sins, He gave us **life** when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s **grace** that you have been saved!)” **Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT)**

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” **John 14:6 (NIV)**

“But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.” **John 1:12-13 (NLT2)**

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➤ **What is keeping you from experiencing joy?**

### **My Next Right Step I Will Prepare My Heart By:**

- Making room for Jesus
- Inviting someone to Christmas Eve 4:30 or 6:00 pm
- Receiving Jesus as my Savior and Lord

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

**Icebreaker:** What gives you joy?

**Big Idea:** Jesus is the reason for the season.

**This Christmas I Can Receive Joy When I:**

**1. Make Room For God In My Heart**

**Luke 2:9-12 (NIV)**

What did the angel give for “great joy”?

**Psalm 66:16-20 (NLT2)**

What was the psalmist so joyful about?

How have you experienced God’s forgiveness?

**2. Let Jesus Reign**

**Luke 9:23-25**

In order for Jesus to reign in our hearts what must we do?

What does it mean for you to follow Jesus?

**John 15:1-4**

What does God do to branches that do bear fruit?

Where has God been pruning you this year?

### **3. Sing Praises**

#### **Luke 2:13-14**

What were the angels praising about?

What is God's promise?

#### **Psalm 100:1-5**

What are you grateful for?

What is your favorite worship song? Why?

Christmas song? Why?

### **4. Receive His Truth And Grace**

#### **Ephesians 2:4-5**

How does truth and grace work in your life?

What is the problem with having truth without grace?

What is the problem with having grace without truth?

Share how God has shown mercy and love to you.

#### **John 14:6**

Why is this statement from Jesus so bold?

What is He saying?

#### **John 1:12-13**

What must we do to have a relationship with God?