



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**  
community church

# Christmas Coming Into Focus | Joy

## December 17, 2017

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### Isaiah 35:1-10

*The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy...*

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*Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.*

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*And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way... They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

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**JOY**

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**We experience joy when we...**



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Serve Others

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Tell others about Jesus

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**We experience joy when we...**

Serve Others  
Tell others about Jesus  
Think long-term

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**Revelation 21:1-5**

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

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*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

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*If we can convince people that we are onto something that's full of joy, they'll stampede one another to follow us.*

**– William Treadwell**

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*Why do we sing at church?*

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**Psalms 81:1**

*Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!*

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**Psalms 95:1**

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

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**Isaiah 30:29**

*And you will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival; your hearts will rejoice as when people go up with flutes to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel.*

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**James 5:13**

*Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.*

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**Luke 1:46-49**

*My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name.*

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**Luke 1:68-69**

*Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.*

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**Luke 2:14**

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*

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**Luke 2:29-32**

*Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.*

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**Matthew 2:1-2**

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."*

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**Colossians 3:16**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

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**Zephaniah 3:17**

*The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

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