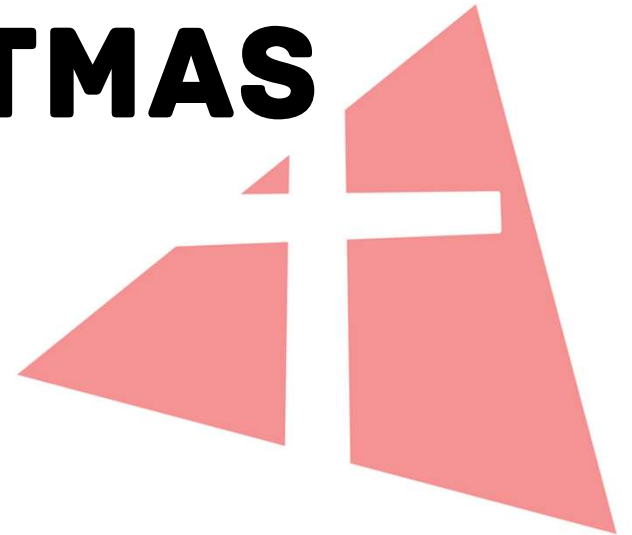


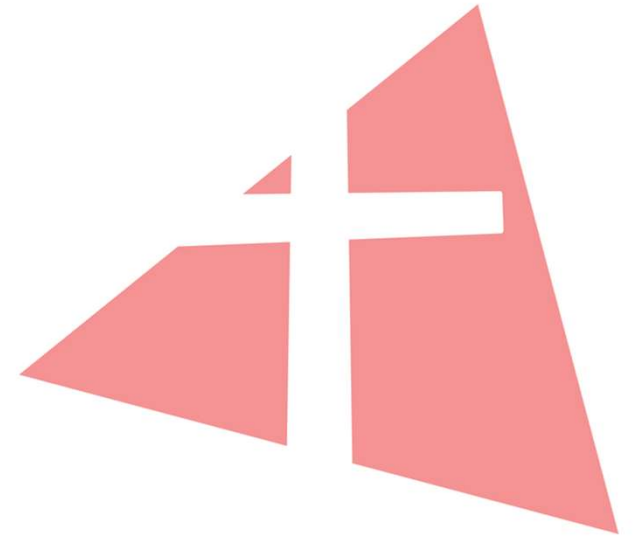
# **THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> 2019**



# THE 4 CANDLES OF ADVENT

- **1st candle: Hope**
- **2nd candle: Love**
- **3rd candle: Joy**
- **4th candle: Peace**



# JOY

## ○ The Joy of Christmas

*Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*



# JOY

- How can we have joy in this world where everything seems to take away our joy?



# WHAT IS JOY?

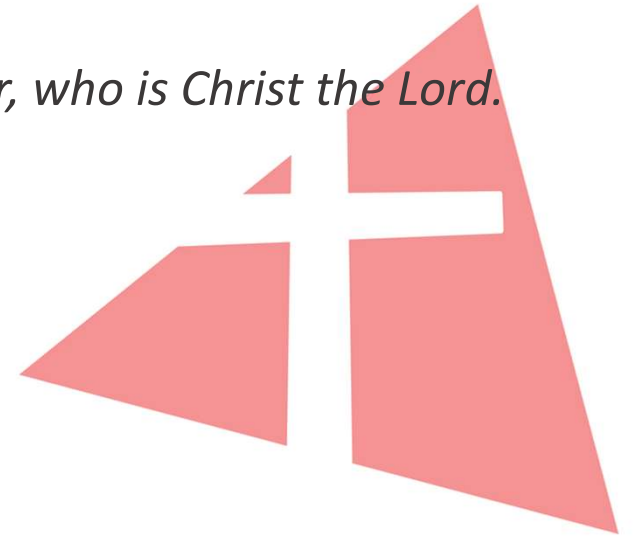
- **Strong's Dictionary**

*cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight:—gladness, X greatly, (X be exceeding) joy(-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).*



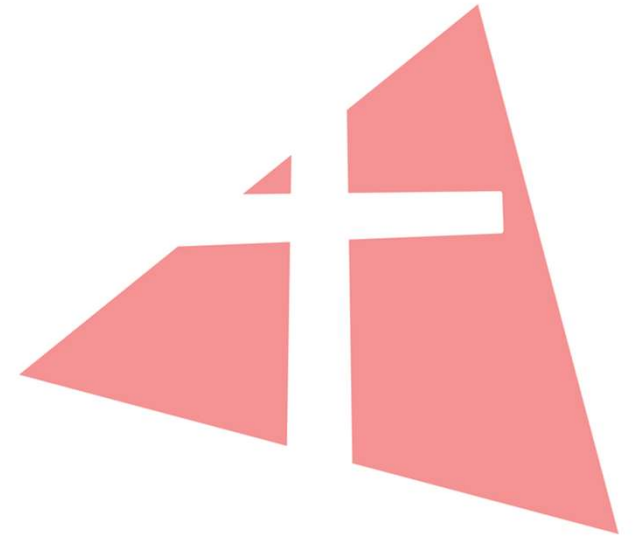
# JOY <-> CHRISTMAS

*Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*



# JOY <-> CHRISTMAS

- Many people who encountered baby Jesus experienced joy



# JESUS MANY YEARS LATER

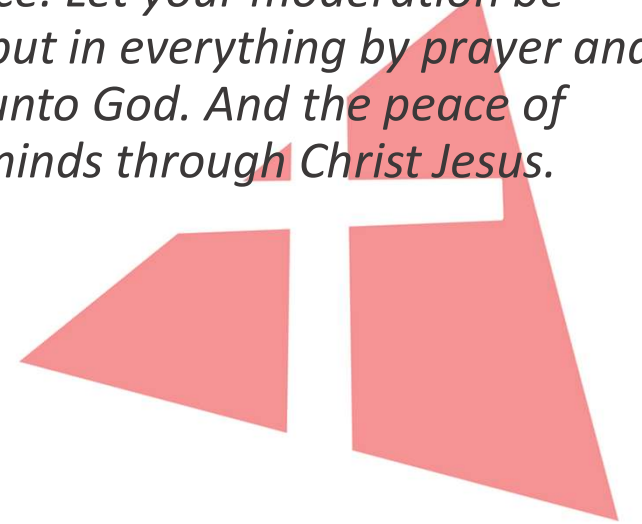
*John 16:33 ... In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*





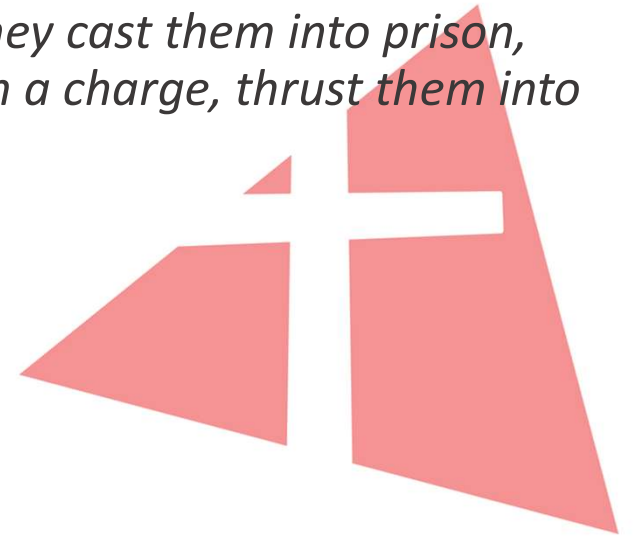
# PAUL

*Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*



# PAUL AND SILAS

*Acts 16:23-24 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.*



# THE BOOK OF ACTS

*Acts 8:5-8 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many that were paralyzed, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.*



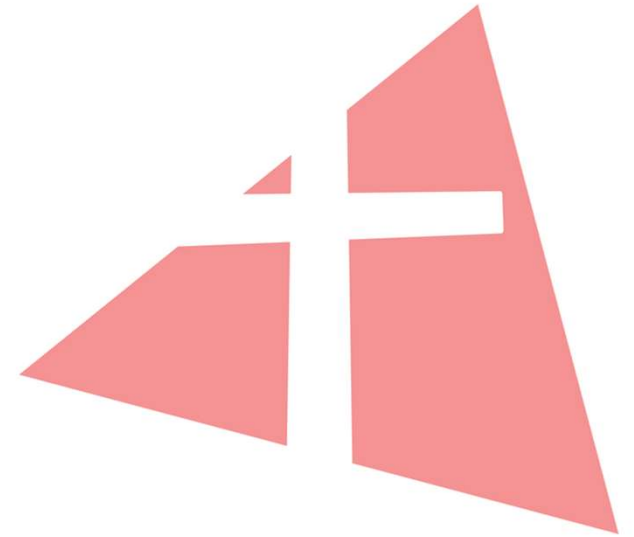
# GOD IS JOY

*Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, self-control: against such there is no law.*



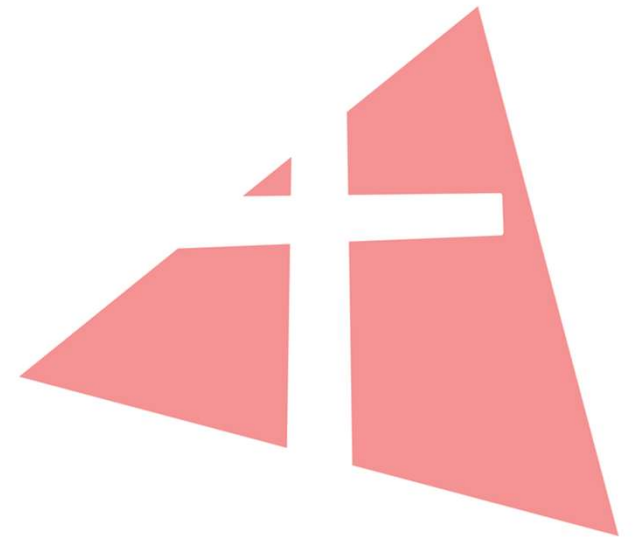
# WHAT DOES JOY SHOW?

- We have received and believe in God's promises



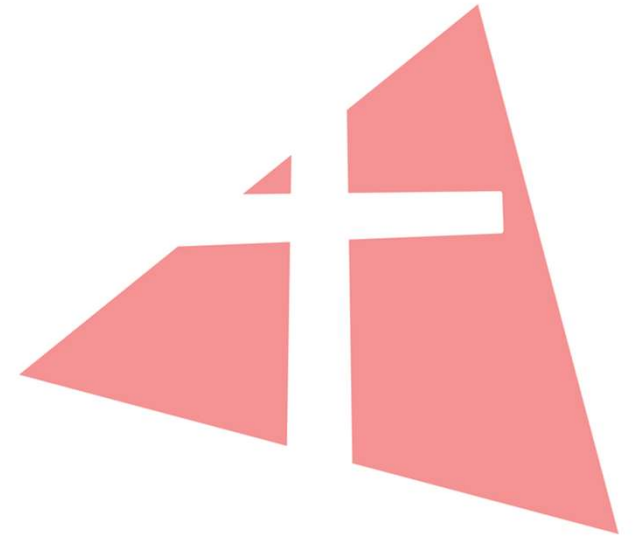
# WHAT DOES THE LACK OF JOY SHOW?

- There is some form of unbelief inside of us



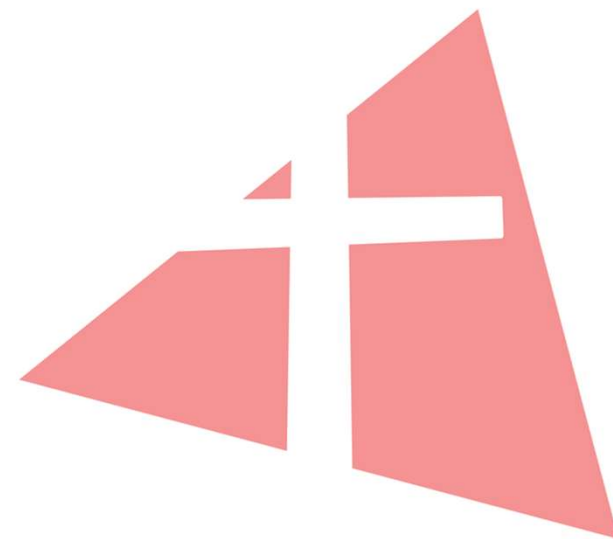
# WHAT ABOUT GRIEF?

- **Grief is part of life**
- **Mourning over our sin is part of life**
- **Grief and mourning are not a contradiction to having joy**



# THIS COMING SUNDAY

- Give thanks in all circumstances





# CHRISTMAS

- **Receiving God's joy**
  - Jesus came
  - Jesus will come again

