A Cosmic CHRISTMAS

The Joy of Remembrance

Luke 2:8-20

Hope is our confident expectation that Jesus fulfills every promise He has made.

Joy is the delight and gladness that comes with knowing Jesus is already with us.

In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Luke 2:8-9 CSB

But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11 CSB

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered.

Luke 2:1 CSB

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!" Luke 2:13–14 CSB

Three ways to cultivate joy:

1. Wonder

and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Luke 2:18 CSB

Our world was dark and broken, and we were lost and in bondage to sin and the enemy.

God became a human being.

God became a baby human being.

God willingly became a baby human being.

Three ways to cultivate joy:

2. Remember

But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them.

Luke 2:19 CSB

Three ways to cultivate joy:

3. Praise

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:20 CSB

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Philippians 4:4 CSB