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JOY!



Without Jesus we have no hope, no future, no reason to continue.

With Jesus, we have life eternal with him and the Father. In him and because of him and what he did, we have forgiveness, love, truth, healing, peace with God, freedom from curses, the blessings of Abraham, the righteousness of God in us rather than unrighteousness, citizenship in the Kingdom of God, assignment as an ambassador of that Kingdom, the power to overcome the world, the power to cast out demons, riches and not poverty, and so much more.

And we have that wonderful “knowing.” We know Jesus! That’s **joy!** Real **joy.** That doesn’t go away ever.

So we celebrate Jesus now, right now. We should celebrate him every day.

In the midst of all this celebration at Christmastime, do remember, though, that Jesus is not a baby in a stable! That happened long ago. He has already come to earth in human form. He has already been born in a stable, grown up in a carpenter’s shop, carried out his three year ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching, preaching, and healing. And he has gone to and through the cross to accomplish all noted above and more. He has risen from the dead back to life in a real body that eats. He is now in Heaven at God’s right hand, with all things under his feet. That is where he resides for now, but his return is imminent.

Our definition of **joy?** - **knowing Jesus!**

May you focus always on the one who is the way to Heaven, to the Kingdom of God, to the tree of life described on the last page of the Bible. Narrow is the way to life and few are they who find it. Jesus is that way. He is the only way.

Merry Christmas!

John and Cathy

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!