

ADVENT WEEK 3

FAITH HOPE PEACE TRUST
IMMANUEL SON GRACE COMING PROMISES
GRACE JESUS MESSIAH KING PEACE
COMING LOVE FAITH ALIVE JESUS
FATHER ADORNTED LIVING CROSS TEACHER SON
HOPE TRUTH LIVING CROSS FATHER HOPE
BIRTH TRUST BORN LOVE
GOD SON GIVE KING SAVIOUR PRAY
KING LOVE KING CROSS GRACE
JEHOVAH
BORN

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Luke 2: 10 – 11

CORE SCRIPTURE

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.””

LUKE 2: 8-14

DEFINING JOY

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,…”

Galatians 5:22

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WHEN SHOULD WE BE JOYFUL?

ALWAYS

“Rejoice evermore”

1 Thessalonians 5:16

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Question – What are you joyful over?

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A SEASON OF EXPECTATION