

THAT'S CHRISTMAS TO ME

Keeping the Merry in Christmas

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Luke 2:8-14 (NKJV)

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. **10** Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. **11** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: **14** "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

FOUR REASON JESUS REJOICED

1. JESUS REJOICED OVER RESTORED RELATIONSHIPS

Luke 15:5-6 (NLT)

5 And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. **6** When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'

2. JESUS REJOICED OVER SATAN'S DEFEAT

Luke 10:21 (NLT)

21 At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way.

3. JESUS REJOICED OVER LIFE

John 11:15 (GW)

15 but I'm glad that I wasn't there so that you can grow in faith. Let's go to Lazarus."

4. JESUS REJOICED IN THE FUTURE

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.