

I. The Incarnation of Jesus

1. Mary's magnification of the Lord ([Lk. 1:46-55](#)).
 - a. hath rejoiced (*agalliao* G21 verb) to be exceedingly joyful, exult, be glad, overjoyed (BDAG 4).
2. Tidings of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds ([Lk. 2:4-17](#)).
 - a. This joy is not just joy but *great* joy ([Lk. 2:10](#)).
 - b. This joy is not just to the Jews but to *all* people ([Lk. 2:10](#)).
 - c. When you discover Christ you cannot keep Him to yourself ([Lk. 2:17](#)).
3. The wise men ([Mt. 2:1-10](#)).
 - a. Christ's birthplace was prophesied by Micah over 700 years before His birth ([Mic. 5:2](#)).
 - b. This passage contains the first occurrences of the words "joy" and "rejoice" in the New Testament and they are connected with Jesus ([Mt. 2:10](#)).

II. The Gospel

1. The gospel is centered on Christ ([1 Cor. 15:1-8](#)).
2. Abraham, through the eye of faith, saw the day of Jesus and rejoiced ([Jn. 8:56](#)).
 - a. The gospel was preached to Abraham ([Gal. 3:8ff](#)).
3. The events at Pentecost proved that Christ arose, ascended, and was exalted on high ([Ac. 2:22-36](#)).
 - a. This joy was prophesied about by David ([Ps. 16:8-11](#)).
 - b. ([Ac. 2:26](#)): was glad (*agalliao* G21 verb) to be exceedingly joyful, exult, be glad, overjoyed (BDAG 4).
 - c. These facts about Christ must cause great joy in our hearts and lives!

III. Christ Being Preached

1. The apostle Paul rejoiced that Christ was preached ([Php. 1:14-18](#)).
 - a. Some preached Christ of envy and strife ([Php. 1:15](#)). Why? They were thinking to raise up affliction to Paul while imprisoned ([Php. 1:16](#)).
 - b. Paul, instead of being gloomy about this, rejoiced ([Php. 1:18](#)).
2. We must rejoice when Christ is preached ([Jn. 4:31-38](#)).
 - a. We must be those that answer the prayer of Jesus ([Mt. 9:37-38](#)).
 - b. Remember, we plant and water but God gives the increase ([1 Cor. 3:6-9](#)).
 - c. Christ prepared the way for future teachers of the gospel to reap ([Ac. 8:5-12](#)).