* **We Need A SAVIOR to Remove / Forgive Our Sin!**

***20****But after he had considered this, an* ***angel of the Lord*** *appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.****21****She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will* ***save his people from their*** *sins.”* Matthew 1:20-21

***22****All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:*

***23****“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him* ***Immanuel****” (which means “God with us”).* Matthew 1:22-23

***9****Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,* ***10****because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.* ***11****You make known to me the path of life;* ***you will fill me with joy in your presence****, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.* Psalm 16:9-11

***24****When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.****25****But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.* Matthew 1:24-25

***8****And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.****9****An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.* ***10****But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause* ***great joy for all the people.******11****Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.* Luke 2:8-11

**GOOD NEWS: Jesus Is My JOY!**

**12.12.21**

**Happiness**: Grk *markarios* means: “a state of well-being; a pleasurable or satisfying experience.” 30x in Bible.

**Joy**: Grk *chara* means: “to feel great delight; to be glad.”

300+ in the bible.

NOTE: Biblically, both Joy and Happiness involve emotions. Joy is based on internal well-being or the anticipation of well-being. Joy can be sustained in both positive and negative circumstances.

* **God’s Will for You is to experience JOY.**

*A* ***cheerful heart*** *is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.*

 Proverbs 17:22

***22****But the fruit of the Spirit is love,****joy,*** *peace, forbearance,* Gal 5:22-23

***39****At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea,****40****where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth.*

***41****When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the* ***baby leaped*** *in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.* Luke 1:39-41

***42****In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!****43****But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?****44****As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb* ***leaped for joy.******45****Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”* Luke 1:42-45

***18****This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.****19****Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yetdid not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.* Matthew 1:18-19

Mark 5:9-10

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