

Title: THE PROMISE: Our Savior Has Come
“ZECHARIAH, The Promise of Joy”

Big Idea: God has promised us JOY

“There will be joy and delight for you (Zechariah), and many will rejoice at his (John the Baptist’s) birth.”
Luke 1:14 (CSB)

Scripture: Luke 1:5-20, 57-66

Outline for bulletin:

God’s Joy is:

- I. Independent of external circumstances
- II. Independent of internal circumstances
- III. To be enjoyed daily – REMEMBER:
 - A. God’s joy is independent of our internal and external circumstances
 - B. God’s joy is based on His sovereignty
 - C. God’s joy comes when we walk with Him
 - D. God’s joy comes when we serve Him
 - E. God’s joy comes when we trust Him and His promises
 - F. God’s joy is available to everyone through Christ Jesus

Benediction: Psalm 16:11

Points to Ponder:

Philippines 4:4 commands us to: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (CSB)

- Do you think it’s realistic to always rejoice, or experience God’s joy, when living in a spiritually dark world? Why / Why Not?
- Do you think it’s possible to rejoice when you’re going through a difficult circumstance? How?
- Do you find it easy or challenging to rejoice in the Lord always? Why / Why Not?
- If not, what lessons can you take from Zechariah to be more consistent with rejoicing?
- God’s joy is through Jesus Christ. Have you put your trust in Him to rescue you from God’s wrath thereby enjoying His JOY forever?