

# THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS IS JOY IN CHRIST

Isaiah 61:1-3

At the beginning of his earthly ministry,  
Jesus stood in the synagogue at Capernaum after this passage of Isaiah was read and He said –

Today this is fulfilled.

How can we have the kind of genuine and lasting joy that allows us to be joyful  
in all circumstances?

Only through faith in Jesus Christ – that is when and where TRUE JOY begins.

There are several dimensions of Joy in Christ.

## I. JOY IN CHRIST COMES FROM KNOWING GENUINE LOVE

**John 15: 9-14**

Genuine love is two dimensional.

a. Love of God

**Romans 5:8**

b. Love of God's People

"Everybody that belongs to Jesus belongs to everybody that belongs to Jesus."

- Anonymous

You can tell when there's a sense of belonging to each other in a group.

The bottom line is that genuine, complete love is only available in the family of Christ.

## II. JOY IN CHRIST COMES FROM ANSWERED PRAYER

**John 16:23-24**

Jesus is talking about the fact that believers will be filled with His Holy Spirit –

and by that Spirit they will ask the Father in Jesus name –

not asking Jesus – face to face – but through the Spirit asking in His name.

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

## III. JOY IN CHRIST COMES FROM SEEING GOD'S WORK IN OTHERS.

**Philippians 1:3-6**

**Romans 8:29-34**

## IV. JOY IN CHRIST COMES FROM KNOWING THAT NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM HIS LOVE

**Romans 8:35-39**