

INTRODUCTION

- * Advent - a time to reflect upon the wonder upon the incarnation!
- * As the resurrection of Christ is the climax and core of the gospel message, so the incarnation is the foundation and strength of gospel message.
- * We have been considering the impact of the incarnation upon our lives through a thematic study of John's first epistle.
- * We have seen the impact of the incarnation upon the Revelation of God and on the Redemption of Man.
- * As we will begin to examine today, Christ did not come only to redeem us but to present us an example of how we are to live in this world. Those who are His will reflect that mindset and lifestyle throughout their lives.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE G_____ OF JOHN'S T_____****A. The D_____ption of Your Joy****B. The I_____ption of Your Joy (cf. John 15:10-11)**

YOUR JOY IS A REFLECTION OF THE JOY OF CHRIST IN YOU!

II. THE G_____ OF YOUR R_____**A. Walking In L_____**

1. 1 JOHN 1:6-7 (cf. John 8:12; 12:46; 3:16-19)

a. If We Walk In D_____ ... We L_____!

b. If We Walk In L_____ ... We H_____!

2. 1 JOHN 2:3-6

a. By This We Know: If We K_____ (cf. John 14:21-24)

b. By This We Know: If We W_____ (cf. John 13:15)

3. 1 JOHN 2:28-3:10 (cf. Matthew 5:14-48; 7:21-23)

a. The One Who Is Doing R_____ Things

b. The One Who Is Doing S_____ Things

4. 1 JOHN 5:2-5

a. Faith Is Observed In Our O_____

b. Faith Is Observed In Our O_____ (cf. Ephesians 2:8-10; James 1:22- 2:26)

5. 1 JOHN 5:14-21

a. The Children of God Keep Themselves From S_____ (cf. 1 Pet 5:8; James 4:7)

b. The Children of God Keep Themselves From I_____ (cf. 1 Cor 10:12-14, 19-22)

B. Walking In L_____**C. Walking In L_____****INTROSPECTION**

- * HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR JOY? DO YOU HAVE JOY?
- * WOULD YOU DECLARE THAT YOU ARE HIS ... AND THAT YOU KNOW HIM?
- * DOES YOUR LIFE BEAR WITNESS OF THAT CLAIM?
- * WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST IN ORDER FOR YOUR JOY TO BE INCREASED?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?