

Rejoice | Psalm 100:1-5

The holiday season has many feeling a little down.

Elected officials didn't want us to gather for Thanksgiving & it's a good chance that they will be discouraging any Christmas celebrations.

Regardless of anyone's approval to celebrate, we have much to "Rejoice" over!

Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Discouraging people from celebrating Thanksgiving & Christmas doesn't change the fact that we have a lot to be thankful for – and that JESUS was born to redeem mankind.

That's enough to celebrate!

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Even in the current state of our world, we can "Rejoice" looking at the birth of JESUS.

1. SPREAD THE JOY

† **Psalm 100:1** - Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

† **Luke 1:14** - And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

† **Psalm 118:24** - This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Spread the word – that JESUS CHRIST is born!

2. SERVE WITH GLADNESS

† **Psalm 100:2** - Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

† **2 Corinthians 9:7** - Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

However GOD has equipped you to serve – do it with gladness!



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3. KNOW YOU ARE HIS

- † **Psalm 100:3** - Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- † **Isaiah 54:17** - No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

We can “REJOICE” knowing we belong to HIM!

4. KNOW YOU CAN COME TO HIM

- † **Psalm 100:4** - Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.
- † **John 6:37** - All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

No matter what is going on in the world, we can “REJOICE” that we can approach HIS throne of grace.

5. HIS GOODNESS DOESN'T END

- † **Psalm 100:5** - For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.
- † **1 John 2:17** - And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

No matter what is going on in the world, we can “REJOICE” that we will be with HIM forever.

Sure – the world can be discouraging!

Sure – the news can be depressing!

Sure – evil is running rampant!

But for believers – we have a lot to “REJOICE” about!

Let's take a moment to thank GOD for HIS goodness & “REJOICE” in Your blessings!



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