

# Joy In Jesus

## The Advent of Christ

December 13, 2020 ♦ Rev. KC Wong ♦ John 15:1-11

### Getting started:

1. The Joy of Belonging to Christ (John 15:1-4)
2. The Joy of Pruning by Our Heavenly Father (John 15:1-2)
3. The Joy of Bearing Fruit in Christ (John 15:5, Galatians 5:22-23)
4. The Joy of Remaining in Christ (John 15:6-7)
5. Complete Joy of Living in Christ (John 15:9-12)

Wrapping up: Philippians 4:4-7

# Sermonlater...

## 1. A Blessed Life = A Joyful life

Review the 2 types of Blessed Life you have just learned from the sermon:

- i. [way·bā·rek](#) וַיְבָרֶךְ (ref. Genesis 1:22): God takes the initiative to bless His people!
- ii. 'aš·rê- אֲשֶׁר־ and mak-ar'-ee-os μακάριος  
We volitionally decided to live a life of submitting to God's Word and receive blessings and joy from God.  
Share how you can experience joy in life according to the above two ways God blesses you.

## 2. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12):

- i. What is hope to you?
- ii. How do you be joyful in hope?
- iii. Is it really possible to be joyful in hope?

## 3. Philippians 4:4-7

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- i. When Paul was in the prison, there was really no reason/ condition for him to be joyful and yet he wrote the most contagious Philippians 4 to encourage his readers to "rejoice"! What is Paul's basis for such admonition?
- ii. In the same breath, Paul put "rejoice", "not to be anxious", "casting all of our requests to the Lord (through prayer and petition with Thanksgiving) and "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." What do these have to do with "rejoice"?
- iii. What relation do you observe between Philippians 4:4-7 and question 1 on this Sermonlater?