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A Life-Changing Christmas Gift

Luke 2: 6-11, 1 Peter 1:3-8

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Jesus gives us a specific gift with His birth and that gift is \_\_\_\_\_

Context: Israel At the Time of Christ's Birth

- It was not a \_\_\_\_\_ time in Israel's history, it was a \_\_\_\_\_ period
- Israel was experiencing 400 years of \_\_\_\_\_ from God
- The \_\_\_\_\_ were ruling with a very dominant hand
- The Israelite \_\_\_\_\_ leaders also had added many HARD and DIFFICULT oral laws, rules, and traditions
- Joy came to Israel that first Christmas morning because their true \_\_\_\_\_ had arrived

There is a BIG difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and Biblical \_\_\_\_\_

5 Sources of This Gift of Joy

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 19:8)
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us, \_\_\_\_\_ us, and is \_\_\_\_\_ us (John 15:9,11, John 16:24)
- We now have fellowship with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:1-4, Psalm 16:11)
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 12:1-3, Ephesians 2:8-9, Isaiah 61:10)
- His JOY becomes \_\_\_\_\_ JOY (John 15:7,11)

2 Reasons for This Gift of Joy

- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the world (Romans 15:13 NLT)  
As a believer, because of His joy, we should live \_\_\_\_\_ than the world, and His joy MUST \_\_\_\_\_
- This joy \_\_\_\_\_ us even in our most difficult season (Psalm 126:5, Psalm 30:5 Nehemiah 8:10b)