**The Songs of Christmas** *\*\*Series Graphic\*\**

**Joy to the World**

(Psalm 96:11-13)

“Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest **sing for joy**. Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, **for he comes he comes judge the earth**. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.”

(Psalm 98:4-9)

“**Shout for joy to the Lord**, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.”

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let Earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found,

Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

**Joy** is different than **happiness**.

**Happiness** is **external**.

**Joy** is **internal**.

(2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

“Therefore we do not lose heart. **Though outwardly we are wasting away**, yet **inwardly we are being renewed day by day**. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, **since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal**.”

**Happiness** is based on **circumstances**.

**Joy** is based on **Christ**.

(Philippians 4:11)

“…for I have learned to be content whatever the **circumstances**.”

**Happiness** happens by **chance**.

**Joy** happens by **choice**.

(Luke 2:10-11)

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause **great joy** for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

 Great joy is **for you.**

1. Have you **received** Christ as your **King**?
2. Have you **prepared room** in your life for the Lord?
3. Are you ready to meet Christ on the **Day of Judgement**?