



Rejoice (Luke 2:8-20)

Sunday, December 12, 2021 AVBC 10:30 am

Be joyful always (*1 Thessalonians 5:16*)

- ☹ _____ things happen that I think shouldn't.
- ☹ Good things _____ happen that I think _____.

CHOICE #1- _____ THE GOOD NEWS (v.10-11)

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes..." (*Romans 1:16a*)

Jesus, I believe that You are the sinless Son of God.

I believe that you came to earth because you loved me.

I believe you died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin.

By faith I believe this message of Good News; that Jesus is my Saviour & Lord.

CHOICE #2- _____ THE GOOD NEWS (vs.12, 15-20)

The commandments of the Lord are right bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear giving insight to life. (*Psalms 19:8*)

Obeying God brings _____ to your heart.

CHOICE #3- _____ THE GOOD NEWS.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (*Acts 1:8*)

Then you called out to GOD in your desperate condition; he got you out in the nick of time. He spoke the word that healed you, that pulled you back from the brink of death. So thank GOD for his marvelous love, for his miracle mercy to the children he loves; Offer thanksgiving sacrifices, tell the world what he's done—sing it out! (*Psalm 107:19-22*) (*The Message*)

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P _____

Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is that the Jewish people might be saved. (*Acts 10:1*)

R _____

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (*Romans 12:13*)

E _____ (*John 13-17; 28*)

A _____

King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do—Agrippa interrupted him. "Do you think you can make me a Christian so quickly?" (*Acts 26:27,28*)

D _____

DIGGING DEEPER

(For personal study, family devotions or Care group use)

Q1: Have you ever received a phone call or message with good news that you were not expecting? If so, what was the good news about? How did that good news impact you?

Q2: Dr. David Myers, in his book Pursuit of Happiness, noted that in a 17-year span there were 80,000 research projects done on depression in the United States while only 400 research projects done on the topic of joy. Why do you think we are prone to focus on the negatives of life instead of the positives? What would the Lord have us do to focus more on joy?

Q3: Read Hebrews 12:2. What were some of the brutal and painful realities of the cross that Jesus had to endure? What do you think comprised "the joy set before Him"?

Q4: How many passages in the New Testament can you think of that illustrate how food and eating were important to Jesus when it came to communicating truth? Why do you think food is a valuable ally when it comes to sharing Jesus with others?

Q5: Read Genesis 50:15-21. What character traits do you see in Joseph's life that contributed to him being able to rise above painful circumstances and to live with joy?

Q6: Pastor David mentioned 6 different ways that we can SPREAD the Good News of Jesus. Which one of the six stood out as being most important to you in your efforts to tell others about Jesus?