

Joy Joy Joy "I've got the Joy

*down in my heart,
where?*

Down in my heart to stay!"

There is nothing quite like a holiday to acquaint us with the meaning of boundaries, stress and consequence.

The world's system would have us search for happiness. The word happy comes from the Middle English word HAP meaning "good luck" rather than feelings of joy. When we look to our present circumstances to determine happiness we are doomed to a roller-coaster ride of emotion. When things are going good, I'm happy! When things are going badly I'm not so happy! Circumstances determine whether I am happy or unhappy. .

God desires for us to be focused on the inner man. Here I can remain calm through the circumstances of life because this is where God dwells within me. God never changes, and His Spirit bears witness with my spirit that we are one in Christ, we share the same heartbeat. God is not stressed by time, performance, or by results. He is well acquainted with the truth that our victory has already been won! **"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."** John 14: 27 ESV

"As we go through another Christmas season with so many questions and difficult circumstances put your focus on the truth that a savior was born and is coming again!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come...

Let every heart prepare...and heaven and nature sing...

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns... repeat the sounding joy...

No more let sins and sorrows grow... He comes to make His blessings flow

*He rules the world...with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove... the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love.*

May you have a Blessed, Peace Filled Christmas,

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