

Joy down in my heart, where? Down in my heart to stay!"

There is nothing quite like this holiday to acquaint us the meaning of boundaries, stress and consequence. It is so easy to be distracted by the pressures from work, friends, family, even church that the true meaning of Christmas gets lost. The frenzy of shopping, decorating, and obligations make us lose the JOY we should have in celebrating the Savior's birth.

God desires for us to be focused on Him. We can remain calm through the circumstances of life because God dwells within us. 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 our relatives. He is well acquainted with the truth that the victory has already been won! "Peace leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid". John 14: 27.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:9-11

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.

Merry Christmas, Richard and Debi

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