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Christmas Series: Real Joy Can Be Yours!

Matthew 10:34 "I did not come to bring peace but a sword."

Two Thoughts:

- 1) "God is most glorified in us when we are most _____ (Joyful) in Him." ~ Piper
- 2) "The early Christians did not say in dismay - "Look what the world has come to" - but in delight - "Look what has come into the world!" ~E. Stanley Jones

John 15:10 John 15:11 "I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

Matthew 2:10 "When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy."

Luke 1:44 Preborn John—"the baby in my womb leaped for joy."

1. Jesus' Coming Made God _____ John 1:18 Hebrews 1:8, 9

- ◆ Jesus' coming brought grace, love, peace, and truth but also eternal happiness and joy.
Revelation 19:9
- ◆ Jesus was born to invite us to the ultimate meal that would finally, completely satisfy _____
of our hearts.

2. Infinite _____ **Has Come Into The World**

Truth: A gospel, not characterized by an over-whelmingly joy available—is not the true gospel but a _____ gospel.

Luke 10:20, 21 Acts 2:39

So Essential: We are to pray the promises of God, to plead them, to wrestle with God - but the ultimate focus is on seeking _____ - not any promise.
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Remember: * "The world is not going to pay much attention to... the church; the one thing that will get her attention... is a spirit of rejoicing." ~Lloyd Jones

* So—the devils main fear is the Christian filled with Holy Spirit Joy and this reality only comes by concentrating on the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 16:14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."