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Speaker: Tim McCardel Christmas Series: Real Joy Can Be Yours!

Psalm 16:11 "... in Your presence is fullness of Joy ... "

TRUTH: "The main purpose of life is to glorify God and ______ Him forever."

<u>Get This</u>: "The world is <u>not going</u> to pay much <u>attention</u> to... the <u>church</u>; the one thing that will get <u>her attention</u>... is a <u>spirit of rejoicing</u>..." ~Lloyd Jones

<u>1 Peter 1:8</u> "Though you have not seen Him... you <u>believe in Him</u> and are <u>filled</u> with an <u>inexpressible</u> and <u>glorious joy</u>."

1. "Inexpressible _____"

• <u>The Shepherds</u>—<u>Luke 2:10, 11</u>... <u>The Magi</u>—<u>Matthew 2:1, 2, 8, 10, 11</u>... <u>Simeon</u>—<u>Luke 2:25-</u> <u>30</u>... <u>& me</u>?? ...

<u>The N.T. Church</u>—<u>Acts 2:46, 47</u> "They <u>worshipped</u> together... and <u>shared</u> their meals with <u>great</u> joy and <u>generosity</u>... praising God and <u>enjoying</u> the <u>favor of all the people</u>."

2. "Full of _____"

- ◆ I must ______ this... I must <u>seek</u> this... I <u>must not</u> try <u>to explain</u> it away...
- ◆ <u>Acts 2:39</u> "The promise is for <u>you</u> and <u>your</u> children and <u>for all</u> who are <u>far off</u>..."
- ◆ <u>Acts 19:2</u> "Did you not <u>receive</u> the <u>Holy Spirit when</u> you <u>believed</u>?"

3. <u>Seek Him</u> - Seek _____, Not His Gifts

<u>Romans 5:5</u> "... <u>God's love</u> has been <u>poured out</u> into our <u>hearts</u> thru the <u>Holy Spirit</u> <u>Who</u> has been <u>given to us</u>."

<u>Revelation 2:3</u> "Yet I have this against you: You have <u>forsaken</u> (a deliberate choice) the <u>love you</u> <u>had at first</u>."

Revelation 2:7 "Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Revelation 5:12-14