Advent – 2025 Joy – Selected Scriptures

Joy, biblical joy, is an inward spiritual reality inseparable from our salvation.

Rejoicing is joy spilling out of our soul.

Review: Looking at four traditional themes for Advent 2025

• <u>Hope</u>

<u>Joy</u>

• <u>Peace</u>

Love

Exposition:

1. The <u>biblical</u> of biblical joy

Biblical joy is a deep, lasting <u>delight</u> from and in the Lord.

It is distinct from a fleeting <u>happiness</u>. It is rooted in <u>salvation</u>,
hope in God's promises, the presence of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>, allowing believers to find strength or trials.

- 2. Key characteristics of joy
 - A. It is a gift from God.
 - B. It is rooted in <u>salvation</u>.
 - C. It is independent of <u>circumstances</u>.
 - D. It is a <u>result</u> of the Holy Spirit.

3.	Miscellaneous	Scripture

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Application:

- Our joy is connected to the <u>hope</u> we have in God's promises and connected to the <u>peace</u> we have with God through Jesus Christ.
- 2. Joy flows from the <u>contentment</u> we have in God's sovereignty.