

# The Joy of Christmas

## Christmas 2020

**MOST OF US ARE TAUGHT EARLY ON THAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT “GETTING.”**

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*5 In your relationships with one another, have the **same mindset as Christ Jesus**: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he **made himself nothing** by taking the very nature of a **servant**, being made in **human likeness**. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he **humbled himself** by becoming obedient to **death—even death on a cross!***

*9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)**

*9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news that will cause great joy for all the people.**”*

**Luke 2:9-10 (NIV)**

*For God **so loved** the world that **he gave** his one and only Son, that **whoever believes** in him shall not perish but **have eternal life**. John 3:16 (NIV)*

*11 I have told you this **so that my joy** may be **in you** and that **your joy** may be **complete**. 12 My command is this: Love each other **as I** have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: **to lay down one’s life** for one’s friends.*

**John 15:11-13 (NIV)**

**TRUE CHRISTMAS JOY IS FOUND IN GIVING YOUR LIFE AWAY.**