

Joy^{to the} World

Living a Life of Christmas Joy

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

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² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

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³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

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⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

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⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

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⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

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⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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FULL!

Plerothe - full

Asbury Revival

Floodgates

- Gen. 7

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- Mal. 3.10

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“Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this way,” says the Lord of Hosts. “See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.”

Plerophoria

Col. 2.2

² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have **the full riches of complete understanding**, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,

Plerophoria

I Thes. 1.4,5

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit *and deep conviction.*

Plerophoria

Heb. 6.11

¹¹ We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.

Plerophoria

Heb. 10.22

²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart
and with *the full assurance* that faith brings,
having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a
guilty conscience and having our bodies washed
with pure water

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Good News

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 - Allow the Father to prune as he sees fit, so that you can bear the most amount of fruit.

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- We must do the hard work of remaining.

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Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Hab. 3.17-18

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How to share the hard

“Why is this happening?” is often a less important (and less helpful) question, than “What am I supposed to do with this?” is.

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