

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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Rejoice, A Saviour is Born

1. Is it not normal to rejoice because God sent His Son with us to save us from our sins? **Isaiah 9:14, Matthew 1:23**
2. Did not Zacharias, by means of the Spirit rejoice at God raising up a Horn of Salvation through David because David's greater son would be Saviour and fulfill the promise given to Abraham of salvation and remission of sins? **Luke 1:67-70**
3. Did not Elisabeth rejoice in the Holy Spirit and did not John the Baptist, who was in her womb, jump with joy at the announcement of Jesus being present in Mary's womb? **Luke 1:41-45**
4. Did Mary's magnificat show her rejoicing at her pregnancy? **Luke 1:46-55**
5. Did not the Angel of the Lord praise God and tell good tidings of great joy to all people that the child would be a Saviour, the Christ, the Lord? **Luke 3:9-12**
6. Did not the other angels praise God and glorify God and announce peace and good-will toward men? **Luke 3:13-14**
7. Did not the Shepherds rejoice and go tell everyone around of this glorious event? **Luke 3:15-20**
8. Did not Simeon rejoice when he saw the Lord's Christ before he died? **Luke 3:28-35**
9. Did not the widow, Anna, thank the Lord for this newborn child? **Luke 3:36-38**
10. Were the Wise men commanded to follow the star and come to worship Him or was that of their own free choice to bring the King presents and rejoice with exceeding joy when the star stood over the house where He was? **Matthew 2:9-10**

CONCLUSION:

Should those who believed the prophets and have profited by what the Lord has done ever stop praising God for their Saviour who came and dwelt among men?

John 1:4 I don't think so. These people were told to rejoice, or did so of their own free-will because of what it meant to their lives and very souls rejoicing over salvation and the remission of sins because Christ came

to save those that believe on Him is normalative to an intelligent believer.

I rejoice, too, but I cannot help loathing the day that the Church links their celebration of His birth to paganism, false traditions, greedy commercialism, idolatry and evil debauchery. It helps justify atheists saying that Christianity is only baptized paganism.

How it must grieve the heart of God to see all this contradicting hypocrisy tied to His Son's birth. I find it hard to believe that God is glad by it!