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JOY

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Why are Christians not known for JOY?

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Great joy

for all the people!

Luke 2:10

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'

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JOY ...

(i) because we are invited

Luke 2:12

This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

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(ii) because we remember the sacrifice

Luke 2:12

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

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(iii) because we see the new reality

Luke 2:13

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

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(iv) because we share their destiny

Luke 2:17-18

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

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JOY gets blocked by

(i) shame

Genesis 3:10

He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

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JOY gets blocked by

(ii) guilt

Psalm 51:12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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JOY gets blocked by

(iii) fear

Luke 2:10

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid.'

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JOY gets blocked by

(iv) exhaustion

1 Kings 19:3

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.



JOY gets blocked by

(v) loneliness

Psalm 68:6

God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing;

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JOY gets blocked by

(vi) unforgiveness

Psalm 23:5

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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