



“Yesterday’s gone, tomorrow may not come – but today’s a _____. That’s why it’s called the _____.”

What makes you _____/_____ at Christmas?

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

- **Joy rises from _____ God.**

⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . .” Luke 1:46-47

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you— I whom you have delivered. Psalm 71:23

- **Joy doesn’t depend on _____.**

. . . for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. Luke 1:48

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord. Hear my voice when I

call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. Psalm 27:5-7

- **Joy comes when we have a clear _____ in our life.**

From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation. Luke 1:48b-50

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11

- **Joy grows when we feel _____ in the Lord.**

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors. Luke 1:51-55

Many, Lord, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?” Let the light of your face shine on us. Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound. In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:6-8

NEXT STEPS for The Joy of Christmas Present:

- Ask God to help you experience real joy this Christmas.
- Prayer-walk your neighborhood and leave a door-hanger invitation for “The Spirit of Christmas.”
- Give a gift this year to a stranger – who cannot or will not give you a gift in return.