

O Come All Ye Faithful
Isaiah 9:6-7
The Carols of Christmas Week 2

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

WHO DOES JESUS CALL?

1. Jesus calls the WEARY and BURDENED.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

2. Jesus calls the SINNERS.

"On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.¹³ ...For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." - Matthew 9:12-13

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

WHAT DOES JESUS HELP US BECOME?

1. Jesus helps us become more FAITHFUL.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." - Hebrews 12:2

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." - Romans 10:17 ESV

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..." - Isaiah 43:2-3

2. Jesus helps us become more JOYFUL.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,..." - Galatians 5:22

Happiness depends on HAPPENINGS, but joy depends on JESUS!

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you...” - Luke 2:10-11 NIV

3. Jesus helps us become more TRIUMPHANT.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. ⁶ And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. ⁸ He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever...” - Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

Deeper Thoughts & Life Application

- What's robbing you of your joy? What steps do you need to take to regain your joy through Christ?
- Share a time when you experienced a lack of faith. How did Christ help restore your faith?
- What can you do this week to make your Christmas preparations be more about Jesus?