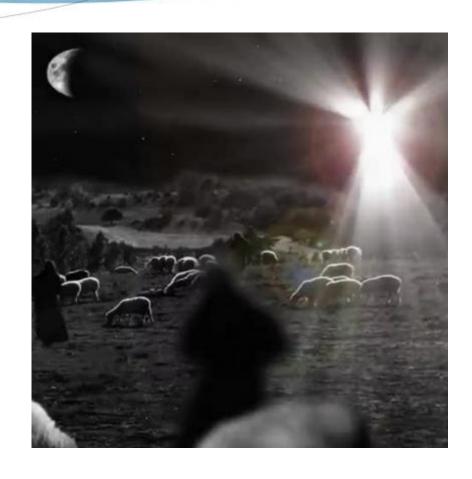
Advent: The Season to be Merry

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What did the angels announce?

- **♦** Luke 2:8-16
- Joy for ALL people
- Peace on earth
- ♦ A Saviour has been born



Two Ways to World Peace?

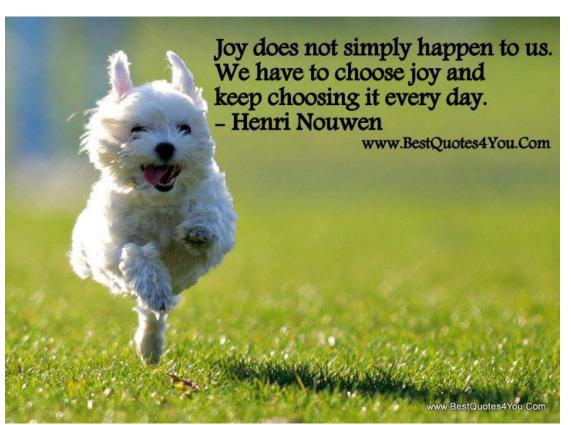
Pax Romana

- ♦ Augustus son of a god
- Political intrigue
- Enforced
- Roman army
- No fighting

Advent of Heaven

- Innocence
- Freely chosen
- Disciples who love
- Shalom wholeness

Joy is a Choice



Some Joy Bringers

- ♦ Believing 1 Peter 1:8
- ♦ Praying John 16:24

Joy for all - Believing



The Bottom line is... we are loved!

- Nothing's changed but...
- We have a Saviour
- ♦ Goodwill toward us
- Intoxicating joy!
- We have peace
- ♦ Love wins Isaiah 9:7

Joy For All – Loving

- Love is patient
- Love is practical
- Love everyone
- God is glorified
- ♦ John 15:15-17



Joy For All - Praying



- ♦ John 15:7-8, 16, 16:24
- Jesus' birth was a response to prayer
- Part of God's goodwill toward us – favour!
- Nepal blockade!
- God wants us all to know the joy of answered prayer!

J.O.Y.

Jesus

Believing

Others

Loving

Yourself

Praying