

# JOY

Whether in the challenges of life or the ways of God,  
there are \_\_\_\_\_ hard to decipher.

Why does God keep secrets?

- ◇ The secrets, the wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.
- ◇ The secrets, are revealed in time.
- ◇ The secrets, are for His \_\_\_\_\_.

*but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. ... Daniel 2:28*

**Joy** comes as God uncovers and explains  
His secrets and mysteries.

**God shares His Wisdom with \_\_\_\_\_** (2:6-7)  
**the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord. 1 Cor. 1:27-31*

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.

<sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests. Luke 2:10-11 & 14

**First of Two Optional Readings:** (pick one)

Notice that **WISDOM** comes from God and is noticeable

- Mark 6<sup>2</sup> Luke 2<sup>40, 52</sup> 11<sup>31 & 45</sup> 21<sup>15</sup> Acts 6<sup>3 & 10</sup>**  
**Romans 11<sup>33</sup> 1 Cor. 1<sup>17-30</sup> 2<sup>1-13</sup> 2 Cor. 1<sup>12</sup>**  
**Eph. 1<sup>8 & 17</sup> Col. 1<sup>9 & 28</sup> 2<sup>3 & 23</sup> James 3<sup>13-17</sup> 2 Peter 3<sup>15</sup>**

**God shares His Wisdom that we may ...** (2:9)

\_\_\_\_\_ “see”  
 \_\_\_\_\_ “hear”  
 \_\_\_\_\_ “not conceived on your own”  
**what's prepared for us since the beginning.**

... For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Isaiah 52:15

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. Isaiah 64:4

**God shares His Wisdom,** (2:10)  
**by \_\_\_\_\_ the puzzle**  
**through His Spirit.**

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*But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13*

*Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. Rom. 8:5-8*

**Second of Two Optional Readings:** (pick one)

Notice the strength and blessing of **JOY**

- Psalms 126<sup>2-6</sup> Isaiah 35<sup>2, 6, 10</sup> 51<sup>3 & 11</sup>**  
**Luke 1<sup>14, 44, 58</sup> 2<sup>10</sup> 6<sup>23</sup> 10<sup>17, 21</sup> 24<sup>41 & 52</sup>**  
**John 3<sup>29</sup> 15<sup>11</sup> 16<sup>20-24</sup> 17<sup>13</sup> Romans 15<sup>13 & 32</sup> 1 Peter 1<sup>8</sup>**