

Joy To The World

**A cradle and a cross ...
resurrection and return ...
the first coming and the second.**

A Christian connects the joy of the birth of Christ with the reality of the death, resurrection, and return of Christ. In Matthew 25:31-46, Christ speaks, not of a salvation by works, but of a salvation that works to meet the needs of people in practical ways.

Christmas is a true time of giving, but, do we give to those whose gift list our name may not appear on?

Our world has many in need today. I would like to suggest some Christmas giving to one of the large groups of people with needs in our society — the elderly.

How about the gift of taking a senior shopping every two weeks for a year?

How about the gift of a friendly visit once a week for six months?

How about the gift of asking a senior for advice or making a senior feel needed in some other way?

Christ's first coming showed us God's love. The Second Coming of Christ will reveal if we really did get the message. Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let us reveal His love!

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*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.*