

THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*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, (3×)
Christ the Lord.*

Fact is, Jesus did not come for the faithful, joyful and triumphant.

- Jesus came to call the weak and heavy laden. (Matt. 11:28)
- Jesus came to call the sinner. (Matt. 9:12-13)

We can sing as the faithful, joyful and triumphant because of the difference Jesus makes for us.

- Jesus is the source of our faithfulness. (Hebrews 12:2 & Romans 10:7)
- The message of Jesus brings joy to those who hear it. (Luke 2:10-11)
- The work of Jesus makes us triumphant with Him. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle
tumult and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.