

JOY WHEN LIFE IS HARD

(Luke 2:1-19)

- I. The _____ to _____
- A. To rejoice _____ (Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16)
 - B. To rejoice in _____ (Rom. 5:3-5)
 - C. To rejoice when _____ by _____ (James 1:2-4)
- II. The _____ of _____
- A. Her _____—Chosen to be the _____ of the _____
(Luke 1:26-33)
 - B. Her _____—Chosen to be the _____ of the _____
 - 1. Unexpected, inexplicable _____ (Luke 1:26-38)
 - a. _____ of family
 - b. _____ of friends and neighbors
 - 2. New _____ law, requiring a _____ trip to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1)
 - 3. No place to _____ in Bethlehem (Luke 2:7)
 - a. Town full of idle _____
 - b. _____ to ask a _____ for help?
 - c. Accepted unsanitary accommodation in a _____
 - 4. Had to _____ the _____ in these circumstances (Luke 2:6-7)
 - a. Inadequate _____ and _____

b. No _____

5. Had to _____ to _____ to avoid the child's _____
(Matt. 2:13-16)

6. Later, had to endure _____ and _____ attempt
to murder her son (Luke 4:16-30)

7. Eventually, had to _____ her son be _____ (John 19:25)

III. The _____ to _____ (Luke 2:19, 51b; Phil. 4:8)

A. How did _____ maintain her _____?

1. She _____ the _____ that Jesus is the

a. The visit of the _____

1) Revelation of heavenly _____ (Luke 2:9)

2) Revelation of _____ (Luke 2:10-12)

b. The visit of the _____

1) The sign of the _____ (Matt. 2:1-10)

2) The significance of their _____

c. The pronouncements of Simeon and Anna that the _____
had come (Luke 2:34-38)

d. The wisdom and dedication of the youthful Jesus in service of his
_____ (Luke 2:41-51)

2. She _____ on the _____ that Jesus is the

B. How do _____ maintain our _____? (Phil. 4:8)

1. Treasure up the _____ that Jesus is our _____

2. Meditate on the _____ that Jesus is our _____

a. Anticipation of heavenly _____ (Rom. 8:18)

b. Confidence in present _____ (Rom. 5:6-8; 8:1a)