

**MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Sunday, December 21, 2008 – 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor David Crouse

***Joy: For After The Gifts Are Opened***  
Luke 2:8-20

**THE ANGEL PROMISED “GREAT” JOY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE**

**1. JOY CAN BE SWALLOWED BY FEAR**

- Many contemporary issues can **generate** fear
- This world does not provide **long term** joy

**2. JOY COMES THROUGH GOD’S INTERVENTION**

- The Old Testament **promised** a Saviour
- The message of the angels was clear – a **Saviour** was born
- **Everyone** is included
- Spiritually we are **beyond** helping ourselves
- Divine intervention comes at our point of greatest **need**
- Apart from that foundation, joy can be **plundered** by life circumstances.

**3. JOY OVERCOMES SORROW THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- God will fill you with joy as you **trust** in Him
- Trust Christ, not **Christmas**
- God gives you a **renewed** mind
- **Embrace** joy through Christ.