





GIFTS
remind us of
OUR GREATEST
JOY.




Psalm 107:8-9

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.





GOD'S GIFT OF JOY
satisfies in every season.




Luke 2:26-33

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."



The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him.





Luke 2:34-35



Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”





Psalm 16:11



You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.







1 Peter 1:8

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.





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(Prov. 5:18; Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16; Jam. 1:2)





1 Peter 4:13

But rejoice (*action*) inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed (*emotion*) when his glory is revealed.

