

Gifts of the Incarnation:

Inexpressible Joy!

1 Peter 1:8-9

But Christmas is not normal joy. Christmas, the Gospels say, is great joy. Christmas is not natural joy, but supernatural. . . . You were made for the Great Joy of Christmas. –David Mathis

1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV) ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

➤ **The joy of love** (1 Peter 1:8; John 15:9, 11)

➤ **The joy of believing**

(1 Peter 1:8; Romans 15:13; Hebrews 11:1)

➤ **The joy of salvation**

(1 Peter 1:9; Psalm 51:12; Isaiah 12:3; Jude 1:24)

➤ **Joy in spite of trials**

(Habakkuk 3:17-18; 1 Peter 1:3-7)