

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
Songs of the Season – Part 2
December 11, 2016

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Oh come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;

Chorus: O come let us adore Him (3x), Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Instead of feeling faithful we feel doubtful.

Instead of feeling joyful we feel depressed.

Instead of feeling triumphant we feel defeated.

Who Does Jesus Call?

1. He calls the weary and burdened.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV) *“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

2. He calls the sinners.

Matthew 9:12-13 (NIV) *“On hearing this, Jesus said, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’”*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

What Does Jesus Help Us Become?

1. He helps us become more faithful.

Hebrews 12:2 (NASB) *"...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

Romans 10:17 (ESV) *"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."*

Isaiah 43:2-3a (NIV) *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."*

2. He helps us become more joyful.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

Happiness depends on happenings,

but joy depends on Jesus.

Luke 2:10-11 (NIV) *"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'"*

3. He helps us become more triumphant.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV) *"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."*