



Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

"The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

The Savior Who Endured
Hebrews 12:2-3

Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

I. Jesus is the Source and Sustainer of our Faith

2 Corinthians 5:17 (HCSB)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.

Philippians 1:6 (HCSB)

I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

II. Jesus found Joy in the Shame of the Cross

“...who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

III. Jesus is the Focus for all who seek the Prize

Verse 2,3 – “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. “

Philippians 3:13,14 (NIV)

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.