ADVENT WEEK THREE

December 21. 2019

Give Joy

John 3:31-36 (New International Version)

For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. John 3:34

As the scripture reminds us, "for God gives the Spirit without limit,"

May Joy abound in you through the Holy Spirit, manifest through Divine Love,

And without limit

May Joy abide in the world through your declarations.

During this third week of Advent, we focus on Joy in anticipation of the coming of the Holy. Joy that is the everlasting life of the believer. Dr. Wayne Dyer suggests if we seek Joy, we will not find it, as we will be focused on the seeking itself.

When we give Joy to others is when we truly receive the Joy that is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

It is in service to others where we experience the Joy in the Holy as the Joy within us.

The Holy delights in our exuberant Joy

The kind of Joy that wells forth from our very soul

Joy that expulses from, yea, the very fiber of one's being

In lavish praise and thanksgiving

The Joy... On the lips... In the heart... And in the spirit

That shines like radiant daylight

Extolling the virtues of the Holy

Untethered... Unrestricted... Unbridled... Unfettered

And unabashedly rife with ebullient obviousness

Sheer zeal and exhortations that resonate universally

Think not about what Joy you can discover

But think instead about what Joy might you be blessed to bring to another Unfettered... Untethered... Unabashedly exuberant and obvious.

May it be so.

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