

**Comfort and Joy**  
**Part Four - Counterfeit Comfort**

**Luke 2:10**

The angel said to them, “Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, a message that will fill everyone with joy.”

**The good news only makes sense in light of the bad news.**

**Christmas is an indictment before it's a celebration!**

**Romans 3:23**

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

**Satan offers “counterfeit comforts” to distract us from the real thing.**

**Counterfeit comforts bring false-peace.**

**Jeremiah 6:14**

They offer superficial treatments for my people's mortal wound. They give assurances of peace when there is no peace.

**We must trade our counterfeit comforts for genuine joy.**

**Ephesians 5:18**

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit...

**Christianity is not a philosophy of love.**

**Christianity is a relationship of redemption!**

**Galatians 3:13-14**

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”— 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.