

# Southland Church

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Glit or Grit – Part 2

## GLIT OR GRIT?:

- “Where the Psalmist describes religion by the fear of God, I have often joined faith and love to it. Where he speaks of the pardon of sin through the mercies of God, I have added the merits of a Savior. Where he talks of sacrifice of Christ, the Lamb of God...Where he promises abundance of wealth, honor, and long life, I have changed some of these typical blessings for grace, glory, and life eternal, which are brought to light by the gospel, and promised in the New Testament.”  
Isaac Watts 1719
- JOY TO THE WORLD: He rules the world with truth and grace. And makes the nations prove; The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love and wonders of His love
- *“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music... Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it... let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness...”* Psalm 98:4,7,9

## A. Do You See What I See?

- *“This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. ‘Joseph, son of David,’ the angel said, ‘do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’”*  
Matthew 1:18-21
- Do you see what I see? The shadow of the cross and in the shadow of the cross: Hope!

## B. Do You Hear What I Hear?

- 1. Sounds of Wonder: *“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.”* Luke 2:9
- 2. Sounds of Worship: *“Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.””* Luke 2:14
- 3. Sounds of His Voice: *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* Matthew 11:28

### C. Do You Know What I Know?

- **1. God is LOVE!**

- a) *"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

1 John 4:8

- b) *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

- **2. God is HOLY!**

- a) God is GREAT *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways' declares the Lord. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'"*

Isaiah 55:8-9

- b) God is GOOD!

- *"I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others...All the families on earth will be blessed through you."*

Genesis 12:2-3

- *"This is what the LORD says: If you can break my covenant with the day and the night so that one does not follow the other, only then will my covenant with my servant David be broken."*

Jeremiah 33:20

- *"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!"*

Psalms 34:8

- *"What can I offer the LORD for all of His goodness to me?"*

Psalms 116:12

- *"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9:6

- *"Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help...Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind. Then when you call, the LORD will answer."*

Isaiah 58:6-9

- *"Don't be afraid!" the angel said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"*

Luke 2:10-11

- *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him..."*

Romans 8:28

- *"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."*

Psalms 23:6

- *"Give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever..."*

Psalms 100:4-5