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Come Love Godly (CHA E-2)

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Doubtful) ADVENT PREFACE

The 3rd week of Advent, with Christmas almost upon us, begins with a call to rejoice in the Lord. A short quote from St Paul's joyful and enthusiastic letter to the Christian community at Philippi - it ed. almost be you as I writing our Christmas greetings to friends, greetings who ed. perhaps be thought about a bit more than most Christmas-card greetings ever are: "Joy to you in the Lord at all times: once again I wish you joy." In these hectic days before Christmas, with last-minute shopping and so on, parties, dinners and what have you being arranged, there is a gaiety and friendliness growing... let's pray there'll be real joy too. For joy suggests .... MP 14 p 2

... And it is the only source of the joy that will last when all the gaiety and artificial good spirits, as well as the deeper, more human joys we can experience with have passed. Pulling Christ back into Christmas is not the real point, after all: rather it's pulling ourselves back into the joy and peace of Christ - and only God can really do that, if we wd. work with Him, keep touch with Him in prayer and faith. Joy to the world people will sity neat work - it is Christ's gift, & He does offer: the world, though, isn't very ready to accept Him, and prefer to decide for itself where salvation lies and what joys or happiness it wants. We're all in this "conspiracy" together, more or less, making our own conditions for accepting Christ. But in prayer these days, let's try to be more open to Him, to His joy, and so be able to bring with Him some joy to the world that needs it so much this Christmastime. At Sydney Carter song that may make the point better MUSIC. PRAYERS

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What a Happening!

"Standing in the Rain"

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