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God's Love

Long ago, one silent night,
God revealed His glory bright;
His own image came to man
For salvation's matchless plan.

Jesus, Savior, Shepherd, King—
Lord of all to you we bring
Praises, wonder, thanks, and love
For this gift from God above.

Christ the Savior is Born

Two Christmas miracles revealed in Luke 1-2

Armin Gesswein (11/28/1907-3/10/2001)

As did many, I counted Armin Gesswein my friend. God used him mightily to mobilize prayer warriors across the nation. He was the Southern California Billy Graham Crusade prayer chairman, the event that launched the Billy Graham ministry. For many years, he was a steady encourager to me in keeping on with the prayer seminar ministry. When God called him home, I promised to do all I can to keep his ministry alive. It is with joy that I yield my space in the December *Reflector* to a lesson from this great teacher.

It has been said when God is about to do something wonderful He begins with a **difficulty**; when He is about to do something very wonderful He begins with an **impossibility**. These are exactly the **two wonders** we face when we open the Christmas gospel of St. Luke, which Renan said was "the most beautiful book ever written."

We read of the **difficulty** in **Luke 1**: the birth of John the Baptist, who Jesus (later) said was the greatest of all the prophets. He was born to a godly old priest and his wife Elizabeth who was "barren" and when both were past the age of child-bearing.

The angel Gabriel appeared to the aged priest in the temple in Jerusalem beside the incense altar of prayer with these words: "Fear not, Zacharias, your prayer is heard; your wife Elizabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. He will be great ... Many of the children of Israel will he turn to the Lord ... to prepare a people that is ready for the Lord" (**Luke 1:13ff**).

In the same chapter of Luke, we read of the **impossibility**: the birth of Jesus by the virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit without a human father. It was the same angel, Gabriel, six months later, who appeared to Mary and spoke these words: "Have no fear, Mary, for

Christmas: A reminder and a celebration! God became a man.

In the 11th century, **Anselm of Canterbury** probed the meaning of the atonement more deeply than had the early church fathers. His explanation was given in a treatise called **Cur Deus Homo**, "Why Did God Become Man?"

Anselm explained that sin is a revolt against God, a revolt to which God must respond by providing for justice. Thus the sinner is helpless under the wrath of God. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the trust in unrighteousness" (**Romans 1:18**). How can God forgive the sinner and still remain just and holy? There was only one way: sins must be paid for. So God, in love, chose to take the required penalty for us by Christ's death on the cross.

This is why God became man. It was only by taking our place on the cross and taking the penalty for our sins, that God could offer us pardon without denying His justice.

you have found favor with God ... You will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall call Him Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give him the throne of His father David ... there shall be no end to His kingdom (**Luke 1:30ff**).

When Mary asked how this was to happen, since she had not had any "relations" with a man, the angel said: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God" (**Luke 1:34-35**). Mary did not doubt, and God said: "Blessed is she that believed ... with God nothing shall be impossible" (**Luke 1:37, 45**).

Both, said the angel Gabriel, would be "**GREAT**." How wonderful. These two miracle babies became the two "greats" who ushered in the whole New Testament Christian era which changed our world.

From these two births we learn some amazing lessons about prayer. God loves to answer prayer, hide His great power, and do things in His own unique way.

And we should know that no matter what the **difficulty**, nothing is too hard for God. And that "with God nothing shall be impossible."

ANOTHER YEAR, Armin wrote a treatise on "Christmas", entitled "**I wonder as I wonder.**"

No one was ever **born** like Jesus, born of the virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit. No one ever **lived** like Jesus, "holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners." The perfect Son of God was He. No one ever **spoke**

like Jesus, so said a Roman soldier. No one ever did the **works** that Jesus did. "I have done the works which no man ever has done," He said.

No one ever **died** like Jesus "to take away the sins of the world!" No one ever **rose again** from the grave like Jesus. He rose again the third day, as He said. No one ever **ascended** to Heaven like Jesus, in a cloud of glory. No one ever **reigned** on a Throne like Jesus, "King of kings, and Lord of lords." No one ever **prays** like Jesus. He "ever lives to pray and make intercession for us" (**Hebrews 7:25**). No one will ever **come again** like Jesus. "This same Jesus who was taken up **shall so come** as you have seen Him go into heaven" said two angels to all who saw Him go (**Acts 1:11**). No one will ever **reign forever** as Jesus. "Thy Kingdom come ... for **THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY F O R E V E R. AMEN. THIS WE PRAY WITH FULL AND FINAL ASSURANCE.**"

I WONDER AT THIS WONDER:
JESUS WAS NOT ONE OF MANY WHO DID WHAT HE DID! HE WAS THE ONLY ONE! No wonder His Name is called "WONDERFUL."
No wonder no one else has that Name. Have a wonderful Christ Christmas.

As Armin spoke to thousands upon thousands in his seventy-year ministry, those who heard him had no doubt that indeed he was filled with **Wonder**. As I re-read his words once again, as I do every Christmas when I go through my Christmas folder, his words are as vibrant as ever and

there is no doubt that He was filled with **Wonder** as he shared his heart. Let's sit where he sat as he wrote.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

AGAPE

I asked Jesus,
 "How much do you love me?"
 And Jesus said,
 "This much ... "
 Then He spread His arms
 And died for me.

A Christmas prayer

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson



The Light of the World

Holman Hunt (1827-1910)

This great pre-Raphaelite painting was inspired by verse 20 of the 3rd chapter of the Book of The Revelation of St. John the Divine.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

The GOSPEL
 Christ Died
 Christ Lives
 Christ Saves

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the work, but that the world through Him might be saved."

John 3:17

"Delivered and Accepted"

Before her death, Grace Copeland wrote a witnessed statement that she was giving all of her household goods to Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis of Logansport, Indiana, as a token of their kindness to her. After her death, however, the executor of the estate won a Switzerland Circuit Court verdict barring the Lewises from obtaining the furnishings, saying they belonged to the estate.

The Lewises went to court.

The verdict of the Indiana Appellate Court: "In order to have been legally given, a gift must have been delivered and accepted!"

This is certainly true in redemption. John 3:16 says: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

However, before the gift of eternal life becomes a reality in an individual's life, that gift must be "delivered and accepted." The Holy Spirit delivers the gift through conviction in the heart. It does not belong to the recipient, however, until he has "accepted" it.

Myriads will be in Hell for whom the gift of salvation was intended, but who refused to accept the gift when it was proffered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God.

Have you "received" the gift?

Dr. Robert Sumner
At Calvary (August 18, 1970)

NOTE FROM JGH: This article could very well be the difference between Heaven and Hell. Don't neglect the plain truth of these insightful words. Don't stumble over their simplicity. Some say, "I've always loved Jesus" and really mean it, but have never accepted the proffered gift of Salvation. By applying a simple "test question," you can easily review your own experience. The question: "Where were you when you received salvation?" If you don't know "where" you were, why not put your faith and trust in Jesus now? "The Word is near you, even in your mouth and heart, that is the word of faith which we preach" (Romans 10:8). Continue reading Romans 10:9-13 for directions and do it.

Intellectual "belief" is not enough. To "believe" for salvation includes placing your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus. I trusted Jesus in a tent. Where were you? As I walked home that night in September 1948, the joy bells rang each step that I took. A burden that I did not even realize that I was carrying was lifted and removed! What better Christmas gift could you receive than salvation? If you have questions, please contact me (434-239-8837 or E-mail: jghm84@aol.com). God loves you and so do I.



NOTES from my BIBLE

JESUS

Note 2246. HE came not to a throne, but to a manger.

Note 2247. HE lived not as a king, but as a Servant.

Note 2248. HE chose not a kingdom, but an old rugged cross.

Note 2249. HE gave not just a little, but everything.

Note 2250. JESUS GAVE HIS ALL; WHAT WILL I GIVE? HE IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SAVIOR, GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

SPECIAL NOTE: THE WORD IS THE CHRISTIAN'S NECESSARY FOOD: HEAR, READ, STUDY, MEMORIZE, MEDITATE AND APPLY THE WORD OF GOD.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE
JIM & SUE HENRY
[MAGGIE, WILLOW, & WILL
SEND THEIR LOVE, AS WELL.]

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DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

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Brenda Johnson (NY)

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Psalm 109:4b

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Pray for safety and that
 the Word of the Lord will
 have free course.

As you start this day

As you start your day

As you check out your assignments
 today,

See what God has for you on this
 day.

Check His Word.

Pray for strength

That His will be done,

As He works through you this day.

Look for a God-given opportunity
 on your way.

See God's divine appointments for
 you.

Your Christian Life begins at the
 edge of your comfort zone.

In Christ's Love,
 Walt Sommers
 Lynchburg, Virginia

Frank Garrett

4/10/1933--5/30/2013

Woodbury, New Jersey

Remember Pauline in your prayers.

"absent from the body;
 present with the Lord"

2 Corinthians 5:8

**TO SCHEDULE A PRAYER SEMINAR
 FOR 2015, SEND THREE POSSIBLE
 DATES. "God works only in concert
 with the praying of His people." - John
 Wesley.**

**THE WORK THAT MUST COME
 BEFORE ALL OTHER WORK IS
 PRAYER WORK.**

ITINERARY

December

4-8 Tennessee and Kentucky

2014 Venezuela Report

October 31-November 15



Love flowed freely from the participants and a spirit of excitement prevailed in each seminar.

JGHM has had the opportunity to mobilize more prayer warriors in beautiful Venezuela. Thank you for providing the prayer and financial support to make the ninth visit possible.

There were ten prayer seminars, nine in churches and one by radio (five hours). We touched Caracas (the capital city with its five million people). Then we flew to El Vigia in Merida State. From there we drove into the Andes Mountain to La Azulita, a beautiful resort town on the side the mountain. When we returned to Caracas, there were several prayer seminars in what is known as the Ghetto perched on one of the mountains around the city. 500,000 live in La Vega. As you go up the mountain,

communities are named. We ended our work in what is known as ‘the towers,’ where a Christian radio station is located.

There was a deep moving of the Holy Spirit touching hearts and bringing the Word alive. Not only were a large number saved, a much larger number renewed their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Individuals were revived and churches strengthened.

As I look at the map of Venezuela and circle the areas where we have taught prayer seminars, this nation joins a few other nations that have been widely influenced by the prayer seminar ministry. Even on this trip, a number came forward to say that they had been in a seminar in



Looking down on Caracas from the balcony of the radio station in La Vega

earlier years and had been blessed by what happened to them.

From Caracas the first week, Adam and I traveled to nearby Vargas State (where the international airport is located) to speak on a Christian radio station, Radio Ondas de Victoria 106.9 FM. Our hosts were Juan Moron Arreaza, owner-manager of the station, and his wife, Dr. Yadina. She is the Chief Medical Officer for the State of Vargas. Both are literally on fire for the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

Tentative agreement has been given to return to Venezuela and provide prayer seminars in the eleven regions of that State.

During our conversations, they did not mention a personal tragedy that occurred a few months ago in their own family. Their beautiful daughter and her husband were murdered in a car-jacking. It was obvious that the two had tender hearts and a great love for God, the Father, and His Son, the Lord Jesus. It will be a joy to work with them. Hopefully, we will return in 2015.

The second amazing thing that they did not tell us is quite thrilling. Dr. Yadina has recently won the Governor of the State of Vargas to the Lord and they are disciplining him!

At the close of the prayer seminar that they attended in Caracas, they introduced themselves and waiting patiently for Adam to become available to interpret. Simply, we bonded! God is good.



A TYPICAL SESSION



Hours for the prayer seminar were 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

God is using **Adam and Dianna Nathanson**, missionaries to Venezuela, to build a vibrant, New Testament church in Montalban, a section of Caracas that is characterized by highrises and home to 50,000, mostly unevangelized. Adam has served as my interpreter in many nations for the past sixteen years.

Plans are in place to organize the pastors for a weekly prayer meeting. Adam plans to provide refreshment courses for those who have committed to teach the prayer seminar.



Dr. Henry with Pastor Alexis, Adam, Pastor Rafael, owner of the radio station.

God is using the workbook as a very effective tool, indeed, and many are teaching the seminar already.

All in all the 2014 prayer seminars could not have gone better.



Exchange

"Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him, who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself . . ." (Hebrews 12:2-3a).

**Tell me the story of Jesus,
write on my heart every word ...**

He stepped from the measureless aeons of eternity into the confines of time and space. He laid aside the shining garments of glory to be clothed in the flesh of a helpless infant.

He left the immortal fragrances of Heaven for a world sick with the scent of mortality. He turned His back on gem-studded mansions to live where He had no place to lay His head. He waved aside the Father's loving smile to walk among men who spat upon Him.

He removed the crown of His sonship in exchange for thorns and scars on His brow. He closed the gates of Heaven to stand accused while Pilate washed his hands.

He descended the ethereal battlements on high to climb a hill called Golgotha. He moved away from

a throne of honor to be nailed on a cross, which was His curse. He placed creation's causative voice with a voice that cried, "Forgive them." He gave up Heaven's deathless climate for the airlessness of Joseph's tomb.

And then, when all was finished as He had said, He stepped back into the measureless aeons of eternity. He now sits at the position of honor and authority at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us.

**Whatever other gifts you give
or receive this Christmas, may
your heart be filled to overflowing
with love and gratitude for the
one PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT,
the gift from the Father, His
only begotten Son, our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.**