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GOD SENT . . . HIS SON
... THAT THE WORLD
THROUGH HIM MIGHT
BE SAVED. JOHN 3:17



CHRISTMAS 2018

Celebrate the WISDOM OF GOD and HIS PLAN OF SALVATION:
HIS SON, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN!

Celebrate! Biblical mystery of the Lord Jesus Christ! Christmas! The time to celebrate the wisdom of God!

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?' For of Him and through Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:33-36).

In Scripture, "mystery" is a technical theological term. It identifies some previously hidden or only hinted at facet of God's eternal plan, which has only recently been revealed. As used so often by Paul (**Romans 11:25; 16:25; 1 Corinthians 2:7; Ephesians 1:9; 3:3, 4, 9**), "mystery" does not mean something incomprehensible. It means something that had been kept secret and has now been disclosed. Paul uses the word to speak of a secret that has been openly revealed to all. Christ, Paul realized with wonder, is the greatest of the mysteries of God.

Christmas is the time to celebrate the unsearchable wisdom of God. God chose to create man in His own image. Instead of being robots, men can make choices. Most readers of the **Reflector** know "the rest of the story." The die was cast in the Garden of Eden when man chose to disobey God's clearly delineated command. In God's infinite wisdom, as He dealt with the fall of Adam and Eve (representing all mankind), He had a plan to bring salvation to mankind. You and I would do well to ponder **Genesis 3:15**, a passage that is sometimes called the "first gospel" because these words, as

A Christmas Meditation

I LOVE YOU, LORD JESUS,
Help me live each day
Quietly, easily.
To lean upon Your great strength
Trustfully, restfully.
To wait for the
Unfolding of Your will
Patiently, serenely.
To meet others
Peacefully, joyfully.
To face tomorrow
Confidently, courageously.
Fill me with
YOUR love.
Let me overflow with
Kindness and compassion.
**LET THE LIFE
I'M LIVING
SHOW THAT A CARING
HEART
CAN TOUCH THE WORLD.**
And even change it, too.
Let me be a fountain, Lord,
That overflows with You.

I LOVE YOU, LORD JESUS,
Help me to remember
That nothing is going
To happen to me today
That You and I
Together can't handle.
In Your name, **JESUS,**
The name above all others,
I pray. I am Your servant.
My name is "BELIEVER".
My trust is in You, Lord.
Amen

indirect as they are, promise the Coming One whom we know to be the Lord Jesus, the Messiah. The Lord was showing mercy even as He judged. "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." "Enmity between you and the woman" is not just about snakes; it is about the enemy of our souls, Satan. The Seed of the woman is the promise of a child. The Seed of the woman is the Promised One, the coming Messiah of Israel. "Bruise His heel" speaks of a serious injury, but it is contrasted with the "bruising of the head"—the defeat—of the serpent's seed. When Jesus went to the cross, He was bruised in his heel. That is, He suffered a terrible but temporary injury (John 12:31; Colossians 2:15). In His resurrection, Christ defeated His enemy.

The hard reality is that one of God's attributes is that He is righteous and just. This means that sin carries a price that must be paid. God's moral standards are eternally valid. He cannot simply overlook sin and retain this attribute. The penalty for sin must be exacted. God's plan of salvation is illustrated by the principle of **substitution**. In dealing with the woman's sin, the Lord turned first to the serpent and brought His judgment—a curse—on him. God did not excuse the woman because she was deceived, but He did bring the harsher judgment on the one who deceived her.

How could God forgive the sins of past saints? How could God not simply declare human beings righteous in His sight, but actually make

them righteous? How could God, committed as He was to the **Jews**, open wide His arms to the **Gentiles** too? How could Jew and Gentile ever find common ground, enabling the race to be drawn back together into one? How could God's love for all the human race be so stunningly displayed that hardened sinners would suddenly halt, reconsider, and kneel, broken, before God?

Some years ago during my early morning praying, the Holy Spirit led me to praise God for His wisdom in developing a plan to enable Him to be "just and the justifier" of those who believe. To sum up His plan, God "made [His Son] who knew no sin to become sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). The **substitute** is in place and God's wrath against sin has been satisfied. The word "**propitiation**" means the appeasement of divine wrath by a sacrificial offering. Sending Christ to die for our sins was God's amazing solution to the problem of how He could remain just (punish all sin) and still justify us (declare us perfectly righteous in His sight). Oh, the depth of His wisdom!

These and all of history's unanswered questions are, for Paul, answered in Jesus Christ. He is the mystery hidden for long ages past. He is the One glimpsed in prophetic writings. He is the One who has come and stands fully revealed today that all nations might believe and obey Him. **He is the One who at last enabled us to sense not only the love but also the wisdom of God.** He is the One through whom God receives glory, forever and ever.

We love the One whose coming

explained the mystery of God's plan, and revealed once and for all the full extent of His mysterious, wonderful love. In God's wisdom, His plan of salvation was put into place. Since the life of the flesh is in the blood, blood must be a factor. Initially, it was the blood of an innocent animal, one without spot or blemish. Down through the ages, the shedding of the blood of the animal was accepted, but each time it was an act pointing to the Lamb of God who would come and take away the sin of the world. Mankind awaited His arrival. **Then came the day** of the arrival of the child in Bethlehem, Mary's Son. Thirty-three years passed and then came the Cross, the day when He who had no sin became sin for us. His blood was shed **ONCE FOR ALL**. **Let's celebrate the wisdom of God and His plan for mankind.**

The December 2018 theme of the Reflector is to celebrate the wisdom of God and His plan of redemption completed in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Oh, how I love Jesus!" Christmas is a time to ponder and reflect on God and His wisdom in providing a means of salvation for all who place their faith in Jesus Christ in genuine reliance on Him, a heartfelt trust in Him. The blood of Christ is forever the only means of a right relationship with God. A "But now" moment (**Romans 3:21**) is described beautifully by Paul which can become foundational in our celebrating God's Christmas gift: "Being justified freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God

had passed over the sins that were previously committed [Old Testament era], to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (**Romans 3:24-26**).

J. Gordon Henry

THE STAR OF ETERNAL LOVE

"Please tell me the story, Grandpa,"
Asked Jill, her lovely face aglow,
"About the wonderful Wise Men
Who came to Bethlehem long, long ago."

"I'll gladly tell you, my dear one,
Of those kings who came from afar,
Traveling by night o'er desert and dune,
Guided on by a great gleaming star.

"Did they find the little Lord Jesus?"
Though oft had the story been told.
"Yes, and they brought Him precious
gifts of frankincense, myrrh and gold."

"Did God make all the lovely stars,
Those beautiful dots of flame?"
"Yes, and He scattered them
throughout Heaven
And called each one by its name."

"Does the Star of the east have a
name, Grandpa?"
"Indeed it has, you may be sure.
And because it heralded the Holy Babe,
The One who was sinless and pure,
And reminds us always of Jesus our
Lord,
Who came to earth from Heaven above,
God gave it a very special name
The Light of Eternal Love."

Willis James Snow
11/24/1901-9/16/1992
Doorkeeper for many years



A Year-Round Blessing

Resting on a shelf adjacent to my desk is my favorite nativity scene photo. Featured are our great-granddaughters, Maggie, the angel; Willow, playing the part of baby Jesus, held by her mother, Ashley. What I call "liquid love" flows each time I look at it (even in my peripheral vision) as I remember what it represents--God's amazing grace in sending His Son and for two precious great-grandchildren reminding me of Caleb, Lillian, Stone, Emma and Ellie, our other great-grandchildren. Maggie was three and one-half years old and Willow was five months.

I'm Reading the Bible Through Bookmarks

If you need additional copies of the **I'm Reading the Bible Through Bookmarks** for others in your family and/or your Bible study members, let us know. While a person can begin reading the Bible through at any day of the year, it is helpful to begin on January 1. Remember **the Word is a Christian's necessary food**. As you would not do well without daily physical food, the same is true of spiritual food. **Dwight Moody** said he had never met a useful Christian who was not in the Word of God for His food. A bookmark is a reminder!

Year-end giving

As you plan your December giving, what are you giving Jesus for His birthday this year? What is under the tree for Him? Is He FIRST on your shopping list? Sue and I generally make an effort to give our largest gift through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering since 100% of what we give is used in the international missions program of Southern Baptists.

Many have chosen to give a special gift to honor Jesus' birthday through the prayer seminar ministry. If so, as a faith ministry depending on the gifts of its friends, we will be grateful. Gifts postmarked December 31 are deductible since JGHM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Again, thanks for your faithful partnership in making the prayer seminar ministry possible. Your prayer and financial support are investments in eternity and you could have no greater investment than to support the Lord's work with the motive of bringing glory to Him.

CHRIST OF BETHLEHEM

Christ of Bethlehem, born today,
We offer Thee our praise;
 We thank Thee for Thy blessings
 That brighten all our days;
 We ask of You Your guidance
 Through all our thorny ways.

Christ of Bethlehem, born today,
We offer Thee our love;
 Our loyal hearts and hands we raise
 To Thee who dwells above;
 We ask our symbol may 'ere be
 Your sign of peace, the Dove.

Christ of Bethlehem, born today,
We offer Thee our hearts;
 From the dear pathway You have set
 We fain would never part;
 We ask Your help throughout our
 lives
 To the end from the start.

Itinerary

December

- 5-7 Tennessee
- 7 JGHM Board, Murfreesboro
- 7-9 Kentucky
- 8 Troutman Gathering, Calhoun

January

- 18-19 Prayer Seminar, Maryland
- Shining Star Baptist Church
- Middle River

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NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 4076. Dear Father, Please give me a humble heart that is willing to follow Your way in everything.

Note 4077. God's love does not keep us from trials, but sees us through them.

Note 4078. Gratitude is the fairest blossom that springs from the soul.

Note 4079. While others may not understand fully, Jesus does.

Note 4080. Keep your eyes on Jesus, the Faithful One and rest in His faithfulness. My desire is to be like Jesus in everything I do.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

October 16-November 19, 2018

Regular	77	\$6,507.00
Kenya	<u>1</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	78	\$6,607.00



Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

From the fullness of His grace, we have
 all received one blessing after another.
 John 1:16

PRAYER CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2018

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

1 Thess (Gibraltar 29,328)

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
Mae Adams (NC)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
Norma Ailes (FL)
H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
David/Eunjoo Andeersen (VA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)
Leonor Avila (MD)
Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
Marcia Barna (PA)
Emily Baskin (TN)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

2 Thess (Greece 108M)

Jean Beasley (TN)
Linda Beattie (PA)
Tommy Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
Beulah Baptist Church (VA)
Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor
Beverly Blankenship (TN)
Loretta Bolen (VA)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

1 Timothy 1-3 (Greenland 57,728)

William/Debbie Bowden (MD)
Kathleen Boyce (PA)
David & Marna Boyd (OR)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
Kim Bradshaw (VA)
Lurline Braud (VA)
Michal Breed (WI)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Judy Britt (GA)
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

1 Timothy 4-6 (Grenada 111,219)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
George & Carol Buck (NJ)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

2 Timothy (Guam 162,742)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Eileen Camarena (NJ)
Dallas & Anne Campbell (VA)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)
Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Titus (Guatemala 15.2M)

Vernia Coleman (MD)
Mary Columbus (VA)
Kathie Connolly (VA)
Philip/Jennifer Cooke (VA)
Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
Foster Covington (VA)
Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Philemon (Guernsey 66,297)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
Barbara Custalow (VA)
John Davis (VA)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Robert/Janice DeLong (VA)
Carolyn Dodd (VA)
Joanne Dudley (VA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Michael & Diane Eagle (VA)
Katherine Eaton (ME)
Bessie Eggleston (MD)
Lynn Elkins (MD)
Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
John & Susan Finnessy (MD)
James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
Nancy Fowser (NJ)
Freedom Through Faith (MD)
Bob Tribodeau, Pastor
Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Hebrews 1-2 (Guinea 12M)

James Fugate (CA)
Travis/Emilee Fulcher (VA)
John & Kim Gaines (DE)
Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)
Sara George (GA)
Gloucester Co. Community Ch
(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor
Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Hebrews 3-4 (Guinea-Bis 1.7M)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)
Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)
Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (UT)
Mike Hall (IN)
Joy Harper (VA)
Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
Sadie Harris (VA)
Hazel Hartless (VA)
Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)
Jim Hengood (CT)
William/Sara Hefner (PA)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Hebrews 5-7 (Haiti 10.5M)

Gina Henry (VA)
Jack Henry (TN)
James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
Mark Henry (TN)
Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)
Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Hebrews 8-10 (Holy See 1.000)

Jeff Hodge (VA)
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Bill Hogan (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Anita Horton (VA)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)
Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Hebrews 11-13 (Honduras 8.9M)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)
Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Gwen Johnson (AZ)
James/Victoria Johnson (MD)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

James (Hong Kong 7.2M)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
James Jones (FL)
Paul Jones (KY)
Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Judy Jordan (VA)
Mohan Katta (IL)
Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Harriet Kennedy (VA)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church
(KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)
 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Mark & Lois Knools (DE)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
 Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)
 Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

1 Peter (Falkland Isl 2,931)

Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Delores Liely (MD)
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

2 Peter Hungary 9.9M)

Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Nick & Pat Markham (VA)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Nancy McPherson (ME)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

1 John (Iceland 335,878)

Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
 Keith & Joan Mistretta (ME)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
 Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 NE Baptist College (VT)

Mark Ballard, President
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
 Peter Dorn, Pastor
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

2 John India 1.3B)

Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
 Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
 Bryan Sheehan, Pastor
 Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Barbara Powell (NY)
 Elbert/Barbara Powell (VA)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

3 John (Indonesia 258.3M)

Marjorie Randall (TX)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Joyce Riley (KY)
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
 Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Jude (Iran 82.8M)

John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Phil & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 Steve Schrank (IL)
 Sam & Jill Scott (VA)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 St.Paul Baptist Church (IN)
 C. L. Adams, Pastor

Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Revelation 1-3 Iraq 38.1M)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)
 William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)

Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron Taylor (VA)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

LUKE 2 (Ireland 5M)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Larry Thompson (VA)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 Cathy Tilton (VA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Peggy Tomayko (PA)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Revelation 4-5 (Isle of Man 88,195)

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Revelation 6-9 (Israel 8.2M)

Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Revelation 10-13 (Italy 62Ma)

Mary Ann Voss (DE)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
 Rodger Watts (WI)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

REVELATION 14-18 (Jamaica 3M)

Naomi Webb (NJ)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Jeff Williamson (FL)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

REVELATION 19-22 (Japan 126.7M)

Layden Wood (VA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)
 Frank Bell, President
 Fred & Susan Zeller (VA)

DAILY INTERCESSION

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA): JGHM LEADERS
Adam Nathanson, Vice-President & Senior Teacher



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Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
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Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

PRAY FOR SAFETY AND THAT
THE WORD OF THE LORD
WILL HAVE FREE COURSE.

"If Jesus Christ be God (and He is) and died for me (and He has), then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." **C.T. Studd**

"He is no fool who parts with what he cannot keep, when he is sure to be recompensed with that which he cannot lose." Philip Henry (1631-1696), father of Matthew Henry

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." **Jim Eliot**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

J. GORDON HENRY MINISTRIES WILL REMAIN THE OFFICIAL MINISTRY NAME UNTIL NEW LEADERSHIP IS IN PLACE. AT THAT TIME, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2020 (AND HOPEFULLY EARLIER AS GOD LEADS), THE CHANGE WILL BE MADE TO EVERYTHING BY PRAYER MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL. THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE MAILED IN EARLY JANUARY. DR. HENRY HOPES TO CONTINUE PUBLISHING THE REFLECTOR AND WILL KEEP THE READERS FULLY INFORMED.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Greetings and joy in the days ahead as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. I found these two articles in my Christmas folder and wanted to share them with you all. Blessings.

Sue Henry

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
 I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
 I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
 I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
 I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)
 I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt. 5:13-14)
 I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
 I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
 I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil. 3:20)
 I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34)
 I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
 I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
 I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
 I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:35-39)
 I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor. 2-21-22)
 I am assured that all things work together for good (Rom 8:28)
 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
 I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
 I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15:1-5)
 I'm God's temple (1 Cor. 3:16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
 I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3) have been justified (Rom 5:1)
 I am God's co-worker (1 Cor 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10). I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1: 5). I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14) and I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I BELONG TO GOD.

DO YOU KNOW

WHO YOU ARE?

KEEP THIS BELL RINGING!

12 PRAYERS TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

While many of us enter the Advent season that leads up to Christmas with great anticipation, we often have a tinge of concern that we'll somehow miss the true spirit of Christmas. We talk about "keeping Christ in Christmas," but how can we actually do that? As you move through Advent, here are 12 short, powerful prayers that can help you focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

1. **LOVE**. "Lord, help us follow the way of love; let the love of Christ compel us" (1 **Corinthians 14:1-2**; 2 **Corinthians 5:14**).
2. **JOY**. "Restore the joy of Your salvation to us; let us experience the joy of Your presence" (**Psalms 51:12, 16:11**).
3. **PEACE**. "Let Your peace rule and guard our hearts; give us more of You, Jesus. You are our peace" (**Colossians 3:15**; **Philippians 4:7**; **Ephesians 2:14**).
4. **HOPE**. "Enlighten the eyes of our heart so that we may know the hope You called us to" (**Ephesians 1:18**).
5. **FAVOR**. "Let Your favor rest on us" (**Luke 2:52**).
6. **LIFE**. "Shine Your light of life on us; help us to walk in it" (**Job 33:30**; **Psalms 56:13**).
7. **SALVATION**. "Help us to fear You so we can unlock the treasure of Your salvation" (**Isaiah 33:6**).
8. **SELFLESSNESS**. "Keep us from self-seeking attitudes that reject truth" (**Romans 2:8**).
9. **GENEROSITY**. "Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised" (2 **Corinthians 9:11**).
10. **RECEIVING**. "Help us receive Your kingdom, Your Spirit, and Your grace" (**Daniel 7:18**; **John 20:22**; **Romans 5:17**).
11. **SEEKING**. "Encourage us to seek Your face with all our hearts" (**Deuteronomy 4:29**; **Psalms 27:8**).
12. **PRAISE**. "We ascribe glory to Your name, Lord; we come before You in worship for You are holy" (1 **Chronicles 16:28-29**).

Sandra Higley

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO US

- C** hrist, the Son of God, who lived and died to show us God's love.
- H** ope, which we have in Christ, to face each day's trials.
- R** esurrection, which assures us that Christ lives today.
- I** mmanuel, "God with us," who will never leave nor forsake us.
- S** tar, which shone bright to remind us that Christ is the Light of the World.
- T** he symbol of the cross, which is an undeniable part of the Christmas story.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



VENEZUELA

Many of you will recognize this photo from a prayer seminar in one of the mountains surrounding Caracas, Venezuela. Since we used it on the back of Doorkeeper Certificates a few years ago, many of you are familiar with it. Many commented how alert and how alive these young people look. That is true. But now their land is in trouble.

Since 1992, JGHM has been involved in Venezuela, one of Latin America's richest nations. My heart is broken beyond words to see these beautiful people in a nation undergoing great crisis and is teetering on the brink of collapse. LIGHTHOUSES OF PRAYER have been established throughout this beautiful land (in the mountains, in the jungles, in the cities). No food. No medical care. Over two million have migrated. It seems that hope has been lost and people see no relief.

Pray for Adam and Dianna Nathanson and their future in this country. God continues to bless the two churches that they have founded, Pray for their safety as well as other leaders, such as Sam Olson, the leading evangelical pastor/leader, who is a close friend who has hosted several prayer seminars over the years.

CUBA

October 12-25.9 seminars, 485 people from 33 churches. 9 pastors along with 58 leaders/missionaries. Led by Digmar Garcia and Adam Nathanson.

PAKISTAN 2018

October 30 PRAYER SEMINAR. There were 100 pastors in Peshawar on October 30. There is great interest in Pakistan. Thanks for your gifts and prayers.

KENYA & TANZANIA

Martin Shikuku continues a very fruitful ministry with on- going prayer seminars throughout the area.

THE WONDER OF CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS

"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

THINK OF THE WONDER OF HIS ADVENT! **No child was ever born like Jesus.** The angel Gabriel announced His unique birth to a virgin named Mary ... "You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and shall call His Name: JESUS" (LUKE 1:31).

No child had so many names. Norwegians say, a dear child has many names. Jesus Himself tells us many more of His names: Lamb of God, Son of God, Son of man, the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Light of the world, the Good Shepherd, the Door, the Resurrection and Life. The point is that every name is something more that He is for us. One name would not say it all. Each name He has fits a need we have. His first name is JESUS (SAVIOR) because that is the first need we have: "You shall call His name JESUS (said the angel) for He shall save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). We are to come to know Him not only as our SAVIOR, but as our LORD and as our very LIFE: "I am come," He says. that you might have LIFE, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

No man has ever brought so much joy and song into the world. AND WHAT MUSIC! All the world sings at Christmas! And sings about HIM! Even voices never heard before blend together and sing, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come ..." Thousands sing Handel's Messiah whether they ever come to know Him or not. People even do their Christmas shopping to the tune of "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie." For one shining moment at Christmas His music brings a holy hush to all other music, and we have a feeling of "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

QUESTION: How can anyone say, "I never heard of Jesus" or "I never heard His Gospel?"

After much discord and dissonance in life, we finally sing, "Oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus; Come in today. Come in to stay. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus." **THEN THE MUSIC OF HEAVEN FILLS OUR SOULS!** At the same time, there is rejoicing in Heaven around the throne!

A BLESSING

May the gentle rain of God's mercy and salvation
fall on you. May you come to know Him fully so
that you may enjoy eternal life with Jesus.

Doorkeeper Walt Sommers

Forest, Virginia

Thank You for Giving To the Lord

Music & Lyrics by Ray Boltz

I dreamed I went to Heaven, you
were there with me.
We walked upon the streets of gold
beside the Crystal Sea.
We heard the angels singing, then
someone called your name.
You turned and saw this young man,
and he was smiling as he came.
He said, "Friend you may not know
me now," and then he said, "But wait.
You used to teach my Sunday
school, when I was only eight.
And every week you would say a
prayer before the class would
start.
And one day when you said that
prayer,
I asked Jesus in my heart."

Chorus

Thank you for giving to the Lord,
I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord,
I am so glad you gave.

Then another man stood before you,
he said "Remember the time,
A missionary came to your church,
His pictures made you cry.
You didn't have much money but you
gave it anyway.
Jesus took that gift you gave
And that's why I'm in Heaven today"

Chorus

One by one they came, far as your
eyes could see.
Each life somehow touched by your
generosity.
Little things that you had done,
sacrifices that you made,

They were unnoticed on this earth
In Heaven now proclaimed.
Chorus

And I know up in Heaven you're not
supposed to cry
But I am almost sure there were
tears in your eyes
As Jesus took your hand and you
stood before the Lord
He said "My child look around you,
Great is your reward."

Chorus

Thank you for giving to the Lord,
I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord,
I am so glad you gave,
I am so glad you gave.

All disciples of Christ are,
indeed, missionaries. Some must
go, some must let go, some must
help go. Going is for everyone in
one way or another.

Robert Hall Glover
China Inland Missions

For almost forty years, my
privilege has been mobilizing prayer
warriors around the world. It has
been an active, traveling ministry.
God has faithfully stirred hearts,
and a large cadre of partners have
come along beside Sue and me, to
provide the prayer and financial
support. Only in Heaven will we see
what our partnership has wrought.

As I look back at what God has
done in the past, what He is doing
in the present and anticipating what
He will do in the future, I want to
state loudly and clearly: **THANK
YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD
THROUGH THE PRAYER SEMINAR
MINISTRY MAKING IT POSSIBLE!**

2018 CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear family and friends,

Since the early sixties, we have had a Christmas letter to greet family and friends at the Christmas season. Since I have an ongoing memory challenge that actually began in 2010, this is likely to be the last one I will write alone. We have decided not to augment the letter with handwritten notes, as I have done for many years. Thus we are using the Reflector to carry the letter. Consider it personall.

Another year is slipping away from us. This has been one of challenge for the Henrys. The three M's (Mona, Mark, and Melody) are learning the joy of grandchildren (our great-grandchildren). Melody has moved to the next protocol combatting cancer. It has been a battle but she is finally back at work in the neurological intensive care unit where she has spent almost three decades. Jim had the privilege of baptizing Jamey (our grandson) as well as Willow and Stone, our great-grandchildren. We consider this a special highlight!

Jim celebrated his 83rd birthday month by speaking at Memorial Christian Church (where most of the family attend) each Sunday in September. We are both enjoying Beulah Baptist Church, which is located just around the corner from our home. The prayer seminar ministry is doing well with the help of colleagues who are doing the traveling in other nations. God is using the material that he wrote to help many around the world. He hopes to step aside no later than his 85th birthday on September 30, 2020. I now know what it is to be an octogenarian (February 9)! Jim has learned to grocery shop! We work together to host guests who visit from time to time.

I proof the Reflectors and other correspondence and am pretty much responsible for labeling and stuffing the envelopes for the monthly mailing. Jim says that he could not get this done without the extra hands! Actually, it is fun to do knowing that many of you share that you are blessed by the paper, now in its 64th year.

Now it is time for you to update us. We cherish the cards and letters during this very special time of the year.

May you and your loved ones have a glorious Chritmas and a New Year filled with God's richest blessings. Thinking and thanking God for each of you, we send the 2018 Christmas letter ...

In His love and with ours,

Sue Troutman Henry

Zechariah 8:21b

Scheduling Seminars

Why the prayer seminar ministry?

- To encourage believers to know Jesus more clearly, to love Him more dearly, and to follow Him more nearly (from a prayer by Richard of Chichester);
- To awaken interest in God's Word;
- To clarify how to walk in the Spirit;
- To ground the believer in Biblical teaching on prayer;
- To challenge believers to witness;
- To raise the banner of faithful stewardship in everything;
- To bring God glory, to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

Since 1980, I have been going up and down the land sharing insights and illumination the Lord has given to me in the crucible of experience in the area of the Christian life. Although we term the ministry as a prayer seminar, someone often comments that it is far more than a prayer seminar. In fact, some have encouraged me to change the name since the idea of teaching six hours on prayer turns people off. There is no doubt that this may be true. At this point, the Lord has not led me to change the title of the seminar. At the same time, a person will never become a prayer warrior who is not in the Word, who does not walk in the Spirit, who does not witness, and who does not conduct himself as a faithful steward of all that God has given him. Pray for each prayer seminar that our objectives will be met. Pray for the Lord to open doors!

Adam Nathanson and I are eager to share as often and as widely as possible. One way to achieve this goal is through prayer seminars and we are ready to do them. Further, extensive time has been invested in writing books that flesh out many of the points made in the prayer

Lord Jesus, Reign in Us

The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.

To hail you, Sun of Righteousness,
The gathering nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored.

His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Yours alone,
Who with the Father ever are
And Holy Spirit, one.

John Morison

seminar. **A few weeks ago, someone wrote asking if the prayer seminars are still available.** For many years we kept thousands updated through the **Reflector**; now, fewer than 1,000 homes receive the **Reflector**. Therefore, we need your help in telling churches, leaders, and pastors about the availability of the prayer seminars. Pray for the Lord to open doors. **TELL A FRIEND! I WANT MY CHURCH TO BE A PRAYING CHURCH! DO YOU? We are ready to share! Contact us.**