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Matthew 1:21; She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.

BORN TO SAVE

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You, Praise You, and Bless You Lord, for the birth of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Father, help us all to better understand and appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.

Lord, teach us how to be better Christians this Christmas season by showing generosity and kindness to those less fortunate.

Father, help us to proclaim our faith in Jesus and not be afraid to stand up to the forces of evil, who try to destroy the true meaning of Xmas. May Christians throughout the world this Christmas, boldly shout out loud; “HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS “!

Father I ask this prayer in the name of our Savior Christ Jesus,.....Amen.

As I sit back in my ministry office chair reflecting back on past Christmas journals, I am amazed how God continues to inspire this ministry each year with different messages about the Birth of Christ. My knowledge and understanding about the Birth of Christ, is more transparent now.

The Lord keeps on blessing me with His Holy Spirit, the more I pray and ask God to show me His Divine Will, Wisdom, and Understanding.

Thanks again Lord, for another opportunity to share this inspired message.

This months message has to do with our Savior Jesus Christ,

“The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”.

With tiny wrinkles and cries, Jesus entered the world and, wrapped in strips of cloth, took His first nap on a bed of straw.

Subject to time and parents, He grew to manhood in Roman occupied Judea.

His gentle hands became strong and calloused in Joseph’s woodworking shop. As a man, He walked through the country side and city, touching individuals, preaching to the crowds and training 12 men to carry on His work. At every step, Jesus was hounded by those seeking to rid the world of His influence. Finally falsely accused and tried, He was condemned to a disgraceful execution on the cross by foreign hands. He also died—spat upon, cursed, pierced by nails, and hung heavenward for all to deride.

Jesus, the God man, who gave His life completely so that all might live.

As I look around today, people are still disrespecting, treating and crucifying Jesus the same way they did 2000 years ago.

When it comes to Christmas especially today, people in general do not celebrate the birth of Jesus as a joyful reminder of why God sent His Son down to forgive our sins. Instead we tend to look at Christmas as our own personal time of celebration. At times, we all have a tendency to celebrate Xmas for the wrong reasons. I know I have on many occasions.

The sole purpose for the birth of Christ, was to save us from our sinfulness. Most people that I come across with in my walk with the Lord, seem to be out of touch understanding the message of hope, God sent to the world, that cold, dark and dreary night in Bethlehem.

The Messiah has come both to rescue people from sin and to reign as King. The birth of Jesus was the beginning of the establishment of His Kingdom where in time He will conquer all His enemies, and rule over the earth.

Everything will one day be under His loving and all powerful control!

The Messiah Christ Jesus, came as a servant to die for us. He will return as a victorious King. At that time, He will usher in peace throughout the world. Eventually all people will realize that the birth of Jesus, the man who was pieced and killed, is indeed the Messiah. There will be an awakening ,with sorrow for sin and a genuine revival. The crucified Messiah, will clearly be revealed. In **Philippians 2: 9-11** it is written; **Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. And every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

The conception and birth of Jesus Christ are supernatural events beyond human logic or reasoning. Because of this God sent angels to help certain people understand the significance of what was happening. Angels are spirit beings who live in God's presence and do His Will. Only two angels are mentioned by name in Scriptures – Michael and Gabriel. Before Christ Birth, angels delivered a special message to Mary, Joseph, Zachariah etc, about the coming of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus.

Why is the Birth of Christ so important to the Christian faith?

Jesus was born without the sin that entered the world through Adam. He was born holy, just as Adam was created sinless. In contrast to Adam, who disobeyed God, He obeyed God and was able to face sin's consequences in our place and make us acceptable to God. Jesus Christ, God's son, had to be free from the sin that was passed on to all other human beings by Adam.

Because Jesus was born of a women, He was a human being; but as the Son of God, Jesus was born without any trace of human sin. Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. Because Jesus lived as a man, human beings know that He fully understands their experiences and struggles. Because He is God, He has the power and authority to deliver people from sin. People can tell Jesus all their thoughts, feelings, and needs. He has been where they are, and He has the ability to help if we let Him into our hearts.

As crazy as it all sounds, God knew exactly what He was doing. Us mortals down here on earth only have finite thinking, but God has Infinite Thinking.

Everything that God has laid out for us from the beginning, is a clear sign of His overwhelming love for all us sinners.

So, let us all take the time this Christmas, to better learn and understand the Will of God for us, through our Savior Jesus Christ!

Let us pray: Father we thank You, praise You, and bless You again Lord, for the birth of Your Son, and our Savior Christ Jesus. May we all lift up Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world this Christmas.

Lord, helps us all to stand up and proclaim His Righteous Name always, and not be intimidated by forces of evil in the world. May we also look out for our brothers and sisters in need this Xmas Season. Lord please watch over us, guide us and bless us all with Your Holy Spirit in Jesus Name....Amen.



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

A THANKFUL ATTITUDE opens windows of heaven. Spiritual blessings fall freely onto you through those openings into eternity. Moreover, as you look up with a grateful heart, you get glimpses of Glory through those windows. You cannot yet live in heaven, but you can experience foretastes of your ultimate home. Such samples of heavenly fare revive your hope. Thankfulness opens you up to these experiences, which then provides further reasons to be grateful. Thus, your path becomes an upward spiral: even increasing in gladness.

Thankfulness is not some magic formula; it is the language of Love, which enables you to communicate intimately with Me. A thankful mind-set does not entail a denial of reality with its plethora of problems. Instead, it rejoices in Me, your Savior, in the midst of trials and tribulations. ***I am your refuge and strength and ever-present and well-proved help in trouble.***

Habakkuk 3:17-18; Psalms 46:1 (AMP)



THE MINISTRIES DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray daily with this ministry for; Danny Turner, Joe Longo, Greg Dubrois, The Stein Family, The DeAngelo Family, Al Wilson, Johanna Tyson, Dorthy Leary, Joy Valeri, Mike Buettner, Janet Neil, Joe Lakes, Johathan Baker, Keith Regerio, Andria Arceneaux.

A prayer for; the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the weary, the lost, the troubled, the hopeless, the godless, the lame, the persecuted, the brokenhearted, etc.

Also let us pray for; all the corruption, hatred, violence, greed, wars, fornications, lying, stealing, cheating, etc. sins of the world.

Furthermore, a special prayer for the United States of America.

Let us all ask God to forgive our sins and to restore this great Nation!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May God's Love touch all our hearts this Christmas, with the joy and love of knowing that the Birth of Christ means much more than all the glitter and celebration of the season. May we all thank and praise God, for His perfect Gift He has given us, His Son Jesus Christ. May we all share this free and glorious Gift, with all our family and friends this season.

May we never forget, **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

My brothers and sisters, it is my hope that you have enjoyed this month's inspired message. May we all spiritually grow together in God's Word. If you have enjoyed this message, please pass it on to your family and friends. Until next month's inspired message, may God richly bless you!

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