

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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1 John 2:8-9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Almighty Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we once again thank You Lord, praise You Lord, and bless You Lord for being our light in this dark world. Lord, please help us to be better stewards and examples of Your Will. Father, may Your Holy Spirit, fill us up with Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and goodness for one another this season. Lord, thank You for the birth of Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ!! I Father, I ask this prayer in the name of Christ Jesus, Hallelujah!!..... Amen.

In this months inspired message, I would like to talk about the real reason for the birth of Christ. Jesus Christ is the central figure of the New Testament, and focus of Christian faith. The name indicates His role: Jesus from the Hebrew word *yeshua*, meaning “savior” or “Yahweh saves”; and Christ, from the Greek word for Messiah, meaning “anointed one.”

The Gospels are the primary source of information about Jesus’ life on earth, while the Epistles show us how to interpret His life and death. Yet the New Testament is amply supported by the stunning impact of Christ on the world in the first century. Due to humanity’s physical weaknesses and limitations, Jesus was born and died on the cross to fulfill the need for God’s final forgiveness, for man’s continual sins and defiance.

In the Old Testament, man could never find final forgiveness through the law. The law was only temporary, until the birth and death of Christ Jesus. There only means of temporary forgiveness back then, was through animal sacrifices and offerings. God knew that this means of forgiveness could only be temporary, due to man’s constant sins. God loved the world so much, that permanent forgiveness for all the sins of the world was finally available, through Christ Jesus. When I sit back and reflect on His Will, it’s clear that, God’s timing could not have been more perfect according to His Plan!

It clearly appears that forgiveness once and for all of our sins, was God Purpose for the birth and death of His Son, Jesus Christ!

According to the Bible, at conversion all our sins are forgiven-past, present, and future. Yet even after we become Christians, we still sin and still need to confess. This kind of confession is not offered to gain God’s acceptance, but to remove the barriers to fellowship that our sin has put between Him and us. It is difficult, however, for many people to admit their faults and shortcomings, even to God. It takes humility and honesty to recognize our weaknesses, and most of us would rather pretend that we are strong.

But we need not fear revealing our sins to God—He knows them already. He will not push us away, no matter what we've done. Instead He will draw us to Him through His Holy and Divine Spirit.

My brothers and sisters try to remember that Jesus did not die for His own sins; He had none. Instead by a transaction that we may never fully understand, He died for the sins of the world. When we commit our lives to Christ and thus identify ourselves with Him, His death becomes ours. He has paid the penalty for our sins, and His blood has purified us.

Just as Jesus was born and rose from the grave, we also rise to a new life of fellowship with Him. In **Romans 6:4** it is written: **We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

After we have been spiritually transformed over from darkness into the Light through God's Forgiveness, we have to maintain it. One of my favorite scriptures that God has touched my heart with to help remain true to the Lord's Forgiveness can be found in **Luke 6:35—38**. In this Gospel it is written: **But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your rewards will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you. A good measure passed down, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**

A forgiving spirit, demonstrates that a person has received God's Forgiveness. Jesus used the picture of measuring grain in a basket to ensure the full amount. If we are critical rather than compassionate, we will also receive criticism. If we treat others generously, gracefully, and compassionately, however, these qualities will come back to us in full measure. The Lord has been trying to tell us all that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, not judge them if we want **God's Forgiveness!**

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, this Christmas, may we all take some time to reflect on the real meaning of the birth of Christ.

God's main reason for the birth of Christ was not so that we could all have a special holiday celebration for the birth of Jesus, that's man's interpretation. Instead, God clearly explains His real purpose for the birth of Jesus.

God's true Divine purpose can be found in **John 3:16** [For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life!!](#)

Let us pray: Heavenly Father above, at this time may we all again thank You, praise You and bless You Lord for the birth of Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, if we get caught up in all the splendor of the season's festivities, Father help us to remember this Christmas, the real reason for the birth of Jesus. Lord, I asked this in Jesus name...Amen.



JESUS CALLING
By Sarah Young

AS YOU WAIT attentively in My Presence, *the Light of the knowledge of My Glory* shines upon you. This radiant knowledge transcends all understanding. It transforms every fiber of your being renewing your mind, cleansing your heart, invigorating your body. Open yourself fully to My Presence; be awed by My glorious Being.

Try to imagine what I gave up when I came to earth as a baby. I set aside My Glory, so that I could identify with mankind. I excepted the limitations of infancy under the most appalling conditions—a filthy stable. That was a dark night for Me, even though angels lit up the skies proclaiming “Glory”! To awe struck shepherds. *I became poor so that you might become rich.*

Sing Hallelujahs to my Holy Name!

(Corinthians 4:6; 8:9; Philippians 2: 6-7; Luke 2: 13-14)

PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR DECEMBER

Proverbs 16:22 Understanding is a fountain of life to those who have it, but folly brings punishment to fools.

Proverbs 15:32 He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.



THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST.

Please pray daily with this ministry for: Melissa Fennen, Joy Valeri, Catrina Wilson and family, Gary Wade and family, Joe Lakes, Margaret Lipani, Ed Messner, Jonathan Baker and family, Andrea Arceneaux, the DeAngelo family, Richard Leland, Janet Neil, Greg Achinko Sr, Johanna Tyson, the Stein family, Greg Achinko, Joe Longo and family, Greg Dubrois, Christine Palma, Dorthy Leary, Bob McCormick, Jimmy Palma, and Cole Brant.

Also a daily prayer for all the; sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the persecuted, the hungry, the weary, the restless, the lame, the brokenhearted, the poor in spirit, the anger, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the selfishness, the greed, the corruption, the uprisings, etc.

HELP TO KEEP GOD IN CHRISTMAS

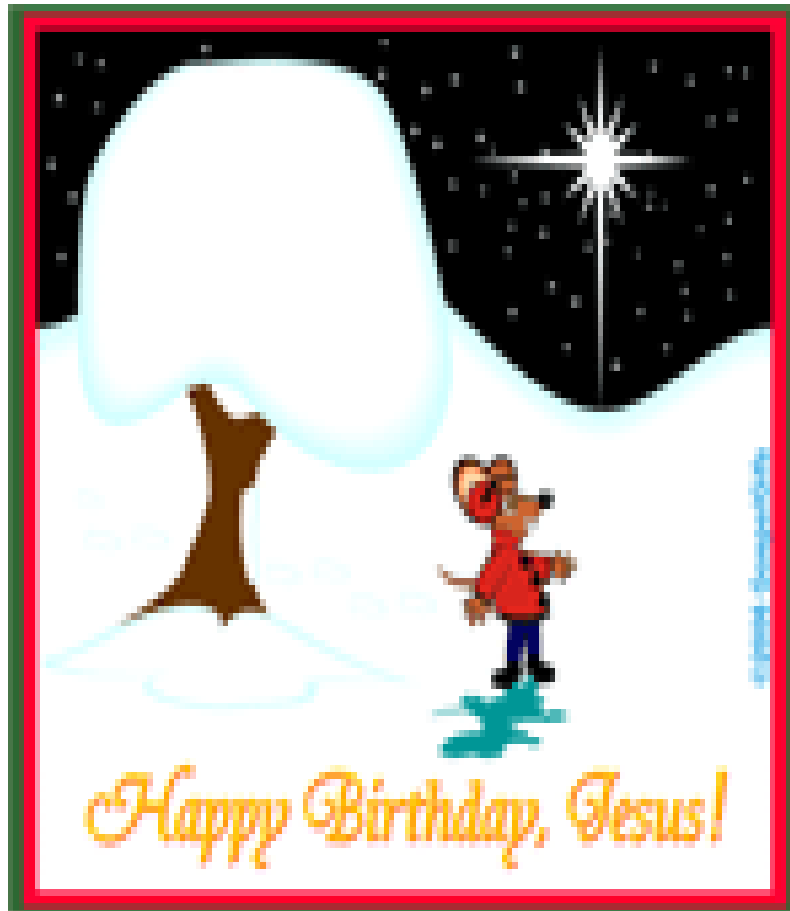
The ACLU, (the American Civil Liberties Union) has been suing the U.S. Government to take God, Christmas or anything religious away from us. They represent the atheist and others non believers who are trying to destroy Christianity in this country of believers.

This Christmas, let's show our support for keeping our God alive and well this year, by sending them a Christmas card to help disrupt their Christmas, before they destroy ours! If you would like to send a card, make sure it says Merry Christmas on it. Send all cards to,

ACLU 125 Broad St, 18th Floor New York, NY 10004

(SEE THE CHRISTMAS WISH BELOW)

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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May God's special blessings come upon you and your family this Christmas. May the Lord give you His peace, joy, and happiness in 2012

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