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John 14:27: Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

THE KING OF THE WORLD

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Father God, Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, we thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord, for the Birth of our Savior, Christ Jesus. Father, thank You for sending Your One and only Son, Lord Jesus, to save us from our sins. Lord, please help us to proclaim, our faith in Jesus, our King of Peace. Father, please give us more strength, to stand up to the forces of evil in this world. Lord Jesus may Your Divine Light of Peace, Love, Grace, and Mercy, shine upon this world. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of Your Son, and our Savior Christ Jesus, hallelujah,..... Amen!

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This month's inspired message has to do with our King, and Savior, Jesus Christ. Back in the Old Testament BC, Zechariah the Prophet predicted more than 500 years before the birth of Christ, that the King of Zion was coming.

He tells us in **Zechariah 9:9** to; **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey.....**

Also, Isaiah the Prophet tells us in **Isaiah 9:6**, **To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

In a time of great darkness, God promised to send a Light who would shine on everyone living in the shadow of death. He would be both "Wonderful Counselor" and "Mighty God." This message of hope was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ and the establishment of His kingdom. Jesus came to deliver all His people from their slavery to sin. In the New Testament, the apostle John also referred to Jesus as the Light. In **John 1:9** it is written; **The true Light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.** In **John 1:10** it goes on to say; **He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him.** Jesus Christ is the *true Light!* He helps us to see our way to God and shows us how to walk along that way. Jesus has chosen to reflect His Light through His followers to an unbelieving world, perhaps because unbelievers are not able to bear the full blazing glory of His Light, firsthand. The word witness indicates our role as reflectors of Christ Light. We are never to present ourselves as the light to others, but always point them to the Light of Christ.

All who welcome Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives are reborn spiritually, receiving new life from God. Through faith in Christ, this new birth changes us from the inside out—rearranging attitudes, desires, and motives. Being born makes you physically alive and places you in your parents' family. Being born of God makes you spiritually alive and puts you in God's family. The Bible also tells us in **John 1: 14**; **The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

When God says, "*The One and Only*", who came from the Father" means Jesus is God's only and unique Son. The emphasis is on unique. Jesus is one of a kind and enjoys a relationship with God the Father. When Christ was born, God became a man. He was not part man and part God; He was completely human and completely Divine. Before Christ came, people could only know God partially. After Jesus came, people could know God fully because He became visible and tangible in Christ. Jesus is the perfect expression of God in human form. The two most common errors people make about Jesus are to minimize His humanity and minimize His Divinity. Jesus is both God and man! The darkness of this lost and fallen world, has never understood the Light. Also, the darkness of this evil world never has or never will overcome or extinguish, God's Light. Jesus Christ is the Creator of life, and His life brings Light to all mankind. In His Light, we see ourselves as we really are (sinners in need of a Savior). When we desire to follow Jesus the True Light, we can avoid walking blindly and falling into sin. He lights the world ahead of us so we can see how to live. He removes the darkness of sin from our life. In **John 14:6** God said; **I am the way and the truth and the life, No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

Yes Jesus is the only way to become whole with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Yes Jesus is the real Truth of the Light, that overcomes all the evil in a fallen world. Yes Jesus is the Life! For without the Life of Jesus in this world spiritually, there would be no world to talk about. Reason being, there are too many unseen evil forces at work, continually trying to destroy every living soul. So be of good cheer, for Jesus, the Light of the world has overcome this world of sin and darkness! Try and always remember that Christ Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world! So my brothers and sisters, it is my hope that this months inspired message, will help us to better understand the profound impact, Jesus has had on this world. His birth, death and resurrection, change the world, forever.

Their will never be another Jesus or a greater opportunity for us to grow strong in His eternal and Divine Light, than right now.

So instead of letting ourselves get swept away by all the glitter and lights this Christmas season, may we take time out each day, to reflect on our King of kings and our Lord of lords, Christ Jesus. May we all give thanks and praise daily to our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ; the real reason for the season!!!

Let us pray: Abba Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, again may we give you thanks, praise, and bless You Lord, for the Light of Jesus. May we continue to give thanks and praise daily to You Lord. Father, may we boldly spread the Word of Jesus, in this dark and fallen world. Lord, please help to maintain from within our hearts, the Light of Jesus. Father, may the Peace of our Lord and Christ Jesus, continue to shine upon the world! Father God, I ask this prayer in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.....Amen.

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JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

AS YOU WAIT attentively in My Presence, the Light of knowledge of My Glory shine 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 I could identify with mankind. I accepted the limitations of infancy under the most appalling conditions—a filthy stable. That was a dark night for Me, even though the angels lit the sky proclaiming “Glory!” to awe struck shepherds.

When you sit quietly with Me, the process I went through is reversed in your experience. As you identify with Me, heaven’s vistas open up before you—granting you glimpses of Glory. *I became poor that you might become rich.* Sing hallelujahs to My holy Name!



THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for; peace throughout the world, an end to all hunger and thirst around the world, an end to all the genocide around the world, an end to all the corruption around the world, an end to all the hatred and jealousy around the world, an end to all the darkness and evil around the world.

Also please pray for: Paige Parker, Janet Smeltz, Ira Jones, Joe Lakes, George Duetch and family, Jonathan Baker and family, Janelle Owens, Edward Young, Dennis E. Palma, John Carlson, Bill Schlupp.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2013



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May you and your family be blessed with the fruits of the Holy Spirit this Christmas Season. May God bless you with the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control!

Until next months edition of the Spiritual Connection's journal, may God richly bless you with His Divine Presence!

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