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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 does. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

JESUS CHRIST THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Dear Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we always give You thanks and praise for the birth of Your Son and our Savior, Christ Jesus. Father, may we exalt, praise, and worship His Holy Name. Father God, please help us to better understand the true meaning of Christmas. Lord God, teach us how to be better Christians, by opening up our hearts to the needy and the less fortunate. Abba Father, give us the strength and courage to proclaim our faith in Jesus. Lord, help us to stand up to the forces of evil who continue to try and take Christ Jesus out of Christmas. Father, may Christians throughout the world, boldly shout out loud “Hallelujah,”

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS “ I ask this prayer in Jesus name...Amen!!

Hello again my brothers and sisters, welcome to the Spiritual Connection’s monthly Journal for December 2016. The title of this month’s inspired message is; **[[JESUS CHRIST THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD]]**

With His tiny wrinkles and cries, Jesus entered in this world, all wrapped in strips of cloth napping on a bed of straw. Subject to time and parents, He grew to manhood in Roman occupied Judea. In time, His gentle hands became strong and calloused in His father Joseph’s woodworking shop. As a man, He walked through the country side and city, touching individuals, preaching to crowds and training 12 Apostles to carry on His work. At every step along the road, Jesus was hounded by the Pharisees and Sadducees. The Pharisees were members of an ancient Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written law at that time. The Sadducees on the other hand, were members of a Jewish sect or party at the time of Jesus Christ. They were known to deny the resurrection of the dead, the existence of spirits, and obligation of oral tradition. Also, they emphasized acceptance of the written law alone. From the lack of conformity to their belief systems, they went out of their way to rid the world of His influence. Because of the constant pressure on the Roman government to rid the world of Jesus, they finally being out numbered, got their wishes. Jesus was falsely accused and tried. He was condemned to die a disgraceful execution on the cross.

He also was---spat upon, cursed, pierced by nails, and hung heavenward for all to deride. Jesus Christ was God and man at the same time!

He gave His life completely for our sins and rose from the dead so we could have eternal salvation with Him forever!

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

When it comes to Christmas especially in today's society, people in general do not celebrate the birth of Jesus. However, the Birth of Christ was supposed to be a joyful reminder of why God send His only Son down to earth, to forgive our sins, and the sins of the world. Instead, we tend to look at Christmas as our own personal time of celebration as if we died for our sins, and not Jesus. At times, we all have a tendency to celebrate Christmas for the wrong reasons. I know I have on many occasions!

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The vast majority of this world, have a tendency to celebrate Christmas for the wrong reasons. I know I have on many occasions!

Again I say, the sole purpose for the Birth of Jesus, was to save us from our sins and to bestow upon all believers, the gift of Eternal Salvation.

Most people I come in contact with in my walk with the Lord, seem to be out of touch in understanding the reason for His birth. God sent to the world on that cold, dark, and dreary night in Bethlehem, "The Lamb of God" who takes away the sins of the World. The Messiah has come to rescue us from sin and to reign as our King, Eternally. The Birth of Christ, was actually the beginning of His Kingdom; whereas in due time, He will conquer all His enemies, and He will rule over the earth with us in Eternity.

Again, one day as God has promised that, everything will be under His Loving and all powerful control! Although Jesus came to die for our sins, He will one day return as Our Messiah and victorious King. He will also usher in peace throughout the world. Eventually people throughout the world, will finally realize that the Birth of Christ, the man who was pierced and killed, is indeed the Messiah! Someday as it is written, there will be an awakening, with sorrow for our sins, and a genuine revival. The crucified Messiah, will be clearly 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. Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.** The Lord also says in **Acts 13:38** that; **"Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.**

Furthermore it is written in **Acts 10:43** that; “All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. God the Father knew exactly what He was doing, when He sent His one and only Son Christ Jesus, to pay the price for our sins. If Jesus didn't pay the ultimate price for our sins, we still would be slaves to sin! Also note, everything that God has laid out for us from the beginning of time, is a transparent sign of His overwhelming love for all us sinners. So my brothers and sisters, may we take the time this Christmas, to learn and better understand the Will of God for us, through our Savior Jesus Christ!!! Let us pray: Father God, again may we give You thanks, praise, and bless You 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. Lord Jesus, may we all stand up and proclaim Your Righteous Name. Father God, please help us not to be intimidated by the devils scheme to take Jesus out of Christmas. Lord, may Your Holy Spirit remind us to continually take care our less fortunate brothers and sisters who are in poverty around the world. Lord, please watch over us and bless us with Your Holy Spirit's Indwelling. Abba Father, We ask this in the name of our Savior, Christ Jesus...Amen.



JESUS CALLING

By Sarah Young

A THANKFUL ATTITUDE opens the window of Heaven. Spiritual blessing fall freely onto you through those openings into eternity. Moreover, as we look up with a grateful heart, we get glimpses of Glory through those windows. At this time, we can not live in Heaven, but we can experience foretastes of our ultimate home if we believe. Such samples of heavenly fare, will revive our hope time and time again. Thankfulness opens us up to these experiences, which then provides further reason to be grateful. Thus our paths become an upward spiral: even increasing in gladness!

A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR DECEMBER 2016

The Holy Bible tells us in **Ecclesiastes 12:1**; Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them.”

My brothers and sisters, a life without God can produce a bitter, lonely, and hopeless old age. A life centered around God is fulfilling; it will make the days of trouble”—when disabilities, sickness, and handicaps cause barriers to enjoying life---satisfying because of the hope in eternal life. Being young is exciting. But the excitement of youth can become a barrier to closeness with God if it makes young people focus on passing pleasures instead of eternal values. Make your strength available to God when it’s still yours—during the youthful years. Don’t waste your youth on evil or meaningless activities that become bad habits and make you callous. Seek God now!

PROVERBIAL WISDOM

Proverbs 3:2: My son, do not forget My teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life for many years and bring you prosperity.

Proverbs 4:18-19: The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

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**May the Good Lord bless and watch over you and your family
always, with His never ending love, grace, and mercy!
May we continue to give thanks and praise daily, to our Lord
and Savior Christ Jesus. Father God, I ask this in Jesus name.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen!!!**