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It shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him that He may save us: THIS IS JEHOVAH we have waited for Him, we will rejoice and be glad in His salvation (Isa. 25:9).

Prophecies of the Lord's coming



Jehovah, remember David, who swore unto Jehovah, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, If I shall enter within the tent of my house, if I shall go up upon my couch, if I shall give sleep to mine eyes, until I find out a place for Jehovah, a habitation for the Mighty One of Jacob. Lo, we heard of Him at Ephratah, we found Him in the fields of the forest. We will enter into His tabernacles, we will bow at His footstool. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Thy saints shout for joy (Ps. 132:1-7, 9).

There shall come forth a Rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Shoot shall bear fruit out of his roots: and the spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might. Righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and truth the girdle of His reins. Therefore it shall come to pass in that day, that the Root of Jesse, which standeth for an ensign of the peoples, shall the nations seek, and His rest shall be glory (Isa. 11:1-2, 5, 10).

JEHOVAH have called Thee in righteousness, and I will give Thee for a covenant to the people, for a light to the nations, to open the blind eyes, to bring out the bound from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am JEHOVAH, this is My name, and My glory will I not give to another (Isa. 42:1, 6-8).

Christmas Gifts

Excerpt from a sermon by Rev L Soneson.(Read AC 9938:2)



Our Christmas gifts can only be crude vessels of our feelings for others. Gifts seldom if ever truly reflect our specific loves. We gain some insights into the donor through the symbol of the gift itself, but in a general way.

The Word of the Lord, though, is a perfect image of the true Human, the Divine man. and so it is ours to behold in full clarity! So let us look within this gift from heaven. The account of the Lord's Birth is only an attractive wrapping. It appeals to our first affections, our childish loves. The sense of the letter, the stories in Scripture, is only a covering for the treasures that are within. The truths within than letter give a full and glorious picture of the Giver.

Indeed the spiritual sense as truth is also but a covering of a more precious concealed offering—the Divine Love now in Human form—now perceptible to all of us!

During this the climax of the year, we may be dazzled by packages we receive---their trimmings or their material value. To see only the object as to price and size is to see nothing. It is when we go beyond, to feel the love such gifts represent, that we know what is really offered. If a present shows intelligence in furthering our uses, we perceive more clearly the love from which it was given.

And the same is true when reflecting on the perfect gift offered to us by our saviour. He has shown us the truth that guides us to eternal happiness. That truth lies within the letter of His Word.

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Even that truth is nothing unless applied—used—put into practice. Then only is the end—the reason for the Word Offered—finally received. Divine Love seeking a resting place place for conjunction Is placed in our hearts for us to behold, feel , enjoy and to keep as if our own!

That is the promise of Christmas! When the overwhelming gift of Divine Love is allowed to take form in our lives, then the Lord is born again and again and again---just as He took on a human form on the first Christmas many centuries ago. His love spreads into our will and understanding, taking on flesh in the form of uses we perform for others. That is how heaven expands. And that is how the perfect gift is finally received.

COUNT OUR BLESSINGS THIS CHRISTMAS

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

There would be:

57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south, 8 Africans

52 would be female, 48 would be male

70 would be non-white, 30 would be white

70 would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christian

89 would be heterosexual, and 11 would be homosexual

6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.

80 would live in substandard housing

70 would be unable to read

50 would suffer from malnutrition

1 would be near death; 1 would be near birth

1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education

1 would own a computer

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When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

The following is also something to ponder...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ...you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a religious meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep...you are richer than 70% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace ... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married ... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Someone once said: What goes around comes around.

Work like you don't need the money.
Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like nobody's watching.
Sing like nobody's listening.
Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

NEWS

Change of time for church service in December and January.....Worship will be at 10.30am

Peter and Lisa Buss visit Perth in March 2004 and November 2004

John and Moira will once more be leaving us for an extended visit to their family and friends in South Africa. Have a wonderful time! We will miss you sorely.

January There will be no worship services in January.

.7th December Community CAROL SINGING

Whoever is interested in a get-together for an evening of community carol singingnote the following.....

The Mount Pleasant Baptist carols evening will be held on Sunday 7th December at 7.00pm at the Len Shearer Reserve, Marcus Avenue, Booragoon.

We can picnic beforehand on the lawns ...meet up at about 5.30pm. Hope you can come!!



Sat December 13th . Join us for a social and fun time singing carols and enjoying the festive spirit at 35 Ewing Ave Bullcreek. 6pm for a shared meal! And then some community singing!

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December Calendar 2003

Sun Dec	7 th Worship 10.30am followed by a cuppa <u><i>Carols By Candlelight</i></u> 5.30pm picnic meal 7pm carols	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.) Len Shearer Reserve, Marcus Avenue, Booragoon.
Sat 13 th	Carol singing for pleasure	35 Ewing Ave Bullcreek
Sun 14 th	Worship 10.30am followed by a cuppa	10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Wed Dec	24 th <u><i>Christmas Eve Worship</i></u> service 6pm <u>followed by shared meal 7pm</u>	6pm 10 Broome Street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Sun 21 st	Worship 10.30am followed by a cuppa	10 Broome street South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Sun 28 th	Worship at 10.30am followed by a cuppa	10 Broome Street South Perth

***10 Broome Street, South Perth
(off Douglas Street)***



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