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To everything there is a season, an a  
time to every "use" under the heaven\$

ECCELIASTES 3:1

## , H- IS CHRISTMAS SUCH A BI. /EAL0

It's the largest celebration around the world each year. Other holidays get a single day, but Christmas is special. For an entire month, one of the most important days of every year. Celebrating the Christmas season, millions of people set aside their normal routines to celebrate their holidays, send out greeting cards, buy gifts, go to Christmas parties, attend church services, sing Christmas songs, watch Christmas TV specials, and traveling destinations to be with their families. Christmas sights and sounds fill the air everywhere. There are stores, and even careers, that are dedicated to celebrating Christmas. When Christmas comes, you can't miss it! It's everywhere!

Why do you stop to think about it, it is astonishing that the simple message of the birth of a peaceful boy born thousands of years ago in the Middle East has spread

his birth day even celebrates tradition: his birth day in "23rd Dec - or9 City, To9yo, an Rio de Janeiro\$

- o# ! ay have never realize that every time you  
3he39 your 3a2en ar or refer to a date or 5rite one  
of5n, you# are #sing \*es#s Christ as your referen3e  
"oint\$Be3a#se of \*es#s, history is divided into BC  
<4e7ore Christ+ and A/ (anno /o! ini, in the year of  
the Lord)\$Every other event in history and every  
event on your 3a2en ar to ay is dated by ho5 ! any  
days and years it has been since \*es#s Christ  
appeared on earth\$

Even your birth day is dated by his birth day\$

The night \*es#s Christ was born in Bethlehem! , a  
s! a2gro# of "oor shepher s was =hietly ten ing  
their 7b39s of shee" in a nearby 7ie2 \$Loo9ing # at  
the stars, nothing see! e any i7ferent 7ro! a  
tho#san other nights\$B#t 5hat was a4o#t to

has been transformed! not only the shepherds  
lives & conditions of other lives as well. The Lord  
was never the same! & why a right fight at  
the end, an angel too! . o a "eare above  
the! an began speaking to the! It see! e  
#n4eva4e an sare the! \$

The Bible gives us the original Christ! as story&

There were shepherds living out in the field nearby,  
keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of  
the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord  
shone around them, and they were terrified. But the  
angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you  
good news of great joy that will be for all the people.  
To you in the town of Bethlehem a Savior has been born to  
you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you:  
- you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes  
lying in a manger."

So why a great joy! "any of the heavenly host

and here with the angels, raising . o an saying,

to try to . o in the highest, an on earth

"because to ! en on 5ho! his 7avor rests\$

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The angels said that Christ! as 5o#2 4ring @ great  
;oy\$\$\$for a22the "eo" 2e\$Rea22y0 For ! any "eo" 2e,  
getting ready for Christ! as see! s ! ore o7a hass2e  
than a so#r3e o7 ha" "iness\$It is a so#r3e o7 stress\$  
They 7ee2"ress#re, not "2eas#re, 5hen it 3o! es to  
Christ! as\$It's a #ty, not a e2ight\$They en #re  
Christ! as rather than en;oy it\$

There are ! any "ossi42e reasons yo# ! ight 7ee2  
#neasy or 2one2y or even e"resse #ring the  
Christ! as season\$- o# ! ay rea s"en ing ti! e  
5ith o 4a22re2atives\$May4e re2ationshi"s are  
strained an #n3o! 7orta42e in yo#r 7a! i2y\$May4e



yo# onlt have anyone to 4e 5ith this Christ! as\$  
Christ! as ! ay re! in yo# o7 2osses or h#rts or ho5  
things have 3hange \$- o# ! ay have a re2igio#s  
4a39gro#n that oesnlt in32# e Christ! as, or yo#  
! ay have no 7aith at a22 5at3hing others 3e2e4rate  
! ay ! a9e yo# 7ee2#neasy\$May4e yo#1re ;#st  
e8ha#ste an 5orn o#t 7ro! a22thatls ha""ene in  
yo#r 27e this "ast year\$This Christ! as, . o 3ares  
ee"2y a4o#t ho5 yo# 7ee2 an so o l\$ltls 5hy l  
have 5ritten this 4oo9\$

Regar 2ess o7yo#r 4a39gro#n , re2igion, "ro42e! s,  
or 3ir3#! stan3es, Christ! as rea2y is the 4est ne5s  
yo# 3o#2 get\$Beneath a22the visi42e sights an  
so#n s o7Christ! as are so! e si! "2e yet "ro7o#n  
tr#ths that 3an trans7or! yo#r 27e 7or the 4etter here  
on earth an 7or 7orever in eternity\$Right no5  
therels nothing ! ore i! "ortant 7or yo# to #n erC  
stan than the i! "23ations o7Christ! as 7or yo#r  
27e\$

17yo#12s2b5 o5n 7or a 7e5 ! in#tes, ta9e the ti! e  
to rea this 4rie74oo9, an "a#se to 3onsi er the  
"#r"ose o7Christ! as, yo# 3an re3eive an en;oy the  
4est Christ! as gi7t yo#12ever 4e given\$It is . o 1s  
Christ! as gi7t to yo#\$

. o 1s Christ! as gi7t to yo# has three =#a2ties that  
! a9e it #ni=#e\$First, it is the ! ost e8"ensive gi7t  
yo#12ever re3eive\$It1s "ri3e2ess\$\*es#s "ai 7or it 5ith  
his 27e\$Se3on , it1s the on2y gi7t yo#12ever re3eive  
that 5i22ast 7orever\$Fina2y, it is an e8tre! e2y  
"ra3ti3a2gi7t: one yo#12#se every ay 7or the rest o7  
yo#r 27e\$Intereste 0

It is no a33i ent that yo# are rea ing this 4oo9\$. o  
"2anne yo#r 4irth, an 4e7ore yo# 5ere even 4orn,  
he 9ne5 this ! o! ent 5as 3o! ing\$In 7a3t, it ! ay 4e  
that a2yo#r 5ho2e 27e #" to this ! o! ent has 4een  
"re"aring yo# to re3eive . o 1s Christ! as gi7t to yo#\$

On the first Christ! as night, the angels  
three "r"oses for the birth of Jesus

***Christmas is a time for  
celebration!***

***Christmas is a time for  
salvation!***

***Christmas is a time for  
reconciliation!***

*A Time*

*For*

*Celebration*

This is the day of the Lord's victory?

Let us rejoice, let us be glad

PSALM 118 (TEV+)

Christ! as is a "arty\$\$"e3i7i3a2y, it's a 4irth ay "arty  
: 7or \*es#s: an 4irth ays are ! eant to 4e  
3e24rate \$It's 5hy 5e say @Merry Christ! asE@

Ironi3a2y, at ! ost Christ! as "arties the "erson  
5hose 4irth ay 5e1re s#" "ose to 4e 3e24rating is  
3o! "2ete2y ignore \$He's never even ! entione \$  
A2ho#gh \*es#s is the reason 7or the season, he's o7ten  
over2oo9e or ! ere2y ! entione a2ong 5ith  
R# o2"h, Frosty the Sno5! an, Santa C2a#s, the  
. rin3h, e2ves, an a 2ong 2ist o73e24rate 7i3tiona2  
3hara3ters\$

As I 5as 5riting this 2tt2e 4oo9, I e3i e to ta9e a  
s#rvey o7Christ! as sho""ers\$I as9e , @ hat are yo#  
3e24rating this Christ! as0@Most ans5ers ha  
nothing to o 5ith \*es#s&

❖ @! 3e24rating that I ! a e it thro#gh another  
year\$

- ❖ @! 3e24rating 4eing ho! e 5ith ! y 7a! i2y\$
- ❖ @ got a Christ! as 4on#s\$
- ❖ @My son is ho! e 7ro! Ira=\$
- ❖ @The 3an i ate I vote 7or got e23te \$
- ❖ @! 3e24rating that I lve 7inise a2! y sho""ing\$
- ❖ @! not 3e24rating anything\$! ! ;#st trying to s#rvive\$

Pre"aring 7or Christ! as 3an 4e a 2bt o7 5or9,  
 es"e3ia2y 7or ! o! s\$, ith the "ress#re o7 4#ying  
 gi7ts, sen ing greeting 3ar s, e3orating o#r ho! es,  
 "#tting #" 2ights, 3oo9ing, atten ing "arties, an  
 32eaning #" a7ter5ar , 5e have 2itt2e ti! e to a3t#a2y  
 en;oy the ! eaning o7 Christ! as\$

**The 7irst "#r"ose o7 Christ! as is 3e24rationE** , e  
 2earn this 7ro! the ange2s o"ening state! ent to the

she"her s o7Beth2he! \$. o ha 5on er7#2ne5s  
7or #s that 5o#2 3a#se #s a22to re;oi3e, 3e24rate,  
an thro5 a "arty&

>l 4ring yo# goo ne5s o7great ;oy  
that 5i224e 7or a22the "eo" 2e\$  
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The goo ne5s o7Christ! as is 5orth 3e24rating 7or  
three reasons\$It is "ersona2>l 4ring - OU\$ It is  
"ositive&@ OO/ ne5s o7great ;oy\$An it is  
#niversa2>7or ALL the "eo" 2e\$It oesn't ! after 5ho  
yo# are, 5hat yo#1ve one, 5here yo#1ve 4een, or  
5here yo#1re hea e : this ne5s is 7or yo#\$

A nationa2! agabine #se to 3arry a 7eat#re 3a2e  
@Ne5s - o# Can Use\$ I a25ays rea that se3tion 7irst\$  
The ange24ro#ght #s ne5s 5e 3an #se\$It's the 4est  
ne5s in the 5or2 &

***God loves you!***

***God is with you!***

***God is for you!***



## CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THAT . O/ LOVES - OUE

The ! ost 7a! o#s state! ent in the Bi42e is \*es#s1  
e8"2anation o7 5hy . o sent hi! to earth&>. o  
2bve the 5or2 so ! #3h that he gave his one an  
on2y Son, so that everyone 5ho 4e2eves in hi! 5i22  
not "erish 4#t have eterna227e\$

The entire reason 7or Christ! as is the 2bve o7 . o \$  
. o 2bves yo# so ! #3h that he 3a! e to earth as a  
h#! an so yo# 3o#2 get to 9no5 hi! an 2earn to  
tr#st hi! an 2bve hi! 4a39\$Theo2ogians 3a22this  
the In3arnation\$. o 4e3a! e one o7 #s, a h#! an  
4eing, so 5e 3o#2 #n erstan 5hat he is rea22y 29e\$

. o has given #s, as h#! an 4eings, the 3a" a3ity to  
9no5 hi! in 5ays ani! a2 3an1t\$He 3reate #s in his  
i! age0 5hi3h in32# es the a4i2ity to en;oy a "ersona2  
re2ationshi" 5ith hi! \$Then he too9 the initiative to

sen \*es#s so 5e 3o#2 #n erstan his 2bve an o#r  
nee 7or hi! \$

O7 3o#rse, 5e 9no5 a 2tt2e a4o#t . o 4y si! "2y  
o4serving his 3reation\$For instan3e, 4y 2bo9ing at  
nat#re 5e 9no5 that o#r Creator 2bves variety&he  
3reate an in3re i42y iverse #niverse\$Thin9 o7 the  
2! it2ess array o7 "2ants, ani! a2s, ro39 7or! ations,  
sno5 72a9es, an "eo"2e\$No t5o h#! an 4eings, even  
t5ins, are e8a3t2y a29e\$. o oesnt! ! a9e 32bnes or  
3o"ies\$Every one o7 #s is an origina2\$A7ter yo# 5ere  
4orn, . o 4ro9e the ! o2 \$

By s#rveying nat#ra2 "heno! ena, 5e a2so 9no5 that  
. o is "o5er7#2an organi6e , an that he 2bves  
4ea#ty\$, e a29no5 that . o ! #st en;oy 5at3hing  
#s en;oy 5hat he2s 3reate \$Other5ise, 5hy 5o#2 he  
give #s so ! any 5ays to en;oy it0 He gave #s taste  
4# s, then 7i22e the 5or2 5ith in3re i42e 72avors  
29e 3ho3o2ate an 3inna! on an a22the other s"i3es\$  
He gave #s eyes to "er3eive 3o2br an then 7i22e the

5or2 5ith a rain4o5 o7sha es\$He gave #s sensitive ears an then 72e the 5or2 5ith rhyth! s an ! #si3\$- o#r 3a" a3ity 7or en;oy! ent is evi en3e o7 . o 1s 2ove 7or yo#\$He 3o#2 have ! a e the 5or2 taste2ess, 3o2or2ess, an si2ent\$The Bi42e says that . o @i3h2y "rovi es #s 5ith everything 7or o#r en;oyC ! ent\$ He i n1t have to o it, 4#t he i , 4e3a#se he 2oves #s\$

Sti2, #nti2\*es#s arrive , o#r #n erstan ing o7. o 1s 2ove 5as 2! ite \$So . o inva e earthElt 5as the greatest invasion in history, an nothing has 4een the sa! e sin3e\$. o 3o#2 have 3hosen tho#san s o7 5ays to 3o! ! #ni3ate 5ith #s, 4#t sin3e he esigne #s, he 9ne5 the 4est 5ay to 3o! ! #ni3ate 5ith #s 5o#2 4e 7a3eCtoC7a3e\$

17. o ha 5ante to 3o! ! #ni3ate to 4ir s, he 5o#2 have 4e3o! e a 4ir \$!7. o ha 5ante to 3o! ! #ni3ate to 3o5s, he 5o#2 have 4e3o! e a 3o5\$ B#t . o 5ante to 3o! ! #ni3ate to #s, so he 4e3a! e



h#! an 4eing 5as 3reate o#t o7. o 1s 3o! "assion\$

- o# 5ere 3reate as an o4;e3t o7. o 1s 2ve\$He ! a e  
yo# in or er to 2ve yo#EHis 2ve is the reason yo#1re  
a2ve an 4reathing an rea ing this 4oo9\$Every  
ti! e yo#r heart 4eats an every ti! e yo# ta9e a  
4reath, . o is saying, @ 2ve yo#\$- o# 5o#2 not  
e8ist i7. o ha not 5ante yo#\$A2ho#gh there are  
a33i enta2"arents, there are no a33i enta24a4ies\$  
The "arents ! ay not have "2anne the! , 4#t . o  
i \$

/i yo# 9no5 that . o 5as thin9ing o7yo# even  
4e7ore he ! a e the 5or2 0 In 7a3t, it is 5hy he  
3reate itEHe esigne this "2anet1s environ! ent  
5ith ;#st the right 3hara3teristi3s so h#! an 4eings  
3o#2 2ve on it\$The Bi42e says, @ o e3i e to give  
#s 27e thro#gh the 5or o7tr#th so 5e ! ight 4e the  
! ost i! "ortant o7a2the things he ! a e@ , e  
! atter to . o ! ore than anything e2e he has ! a e\$

Because . o f love for you is unconditional, he loves you on your faults as ! #3has on your good days\$ He loves you when you are not perfect his love as ! #3has when you are not perfect\$ He loves you regardless of your "errors! and, you ! offenses, your actions, or your thoughts\$ His love for you is unconditional\$ Everything else will change #bring you a different! e, but . o f love for you is constant, steady, and continuous\$ It is the foundation for #nshaping a better person\$

There is nothing you can do that will stop loving you\$ - so #2 try, but you will fail: because . o f love for you is based on his character, not your own #3that is based on who he is, not what you are #1one\$ The Bible says, "Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love\$"

One "potential" reason! of our #2Christ! as #3reasons is that ! any "evil" or bad thing of \*es#s as a #4y\$ Their #3rejection of him! is only as a

he2" 2ess ne54orn in his ! other!s ar! s\$!7\*es#s ha  
never gro5n #" to o 5hat he i , he1 have no  
"o5er to trans7or! o#r 2ives\$

B#t the 4a4y 4orn in Beth2e! i not stay a  
4a4y\$\*es#s gre5 to ! anhoo , ! o e2e 7or #s the  
9in o727e that "2eases . o , ta#ght #s the tr#th, "ai  
7or every sin 5e 3o! ! it 4y ying on a 3ross, then  
"rove that he 5as . o an 3o#2 save #s 4y 3o! ing  
4a39 to 27e\$This is the . oo Ne5s\$, hen the  
Ro! ans nai2e \*es#s to a 3ross, they stret3he his  
ar! s as 5i e as they 3o#2 \$, ith his ar! s 5i e  
o"en, \*es#s 5as "hysi3a2y e! onstrating, @ 2ove yo#  
this ! #3hE! 2ove yo# so ! #3h it h#rtsE!l rather ie  
than 2ve 5itho#t yo#E@The ne8t ti! e yo# see a  
"i3t#re or stat#e o7\*es#s 5ith o#tstret3he ar! s on  
the 3ross, re! e! 4er, he is saying, @ 2ove yo# this  
! #3hE@

# CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THAT . O/ IS , ITH - OUE

As I ! entione , ! any "eo"æ o7ten 7ee2a2one at  
Christ! as\$Right no5, yo# ! ay not 7ee229e . o is  
5ith yo#\$B#t . o 1s "resen3e in yo#r 27e has nothing  
to o 5ith yo#r 7ee2ings\$- o#r e! otions are  
s#s3e"ti4æ to a229in s o7in72#en3es, so they are  
o7ten #nre2a4æ\$So! eti! es the 5orst a vi3e yo# 3an  
get is @/o 5hat yo# 7ee2@O7ten 5hat 5e 7ee2is  
neither rea2nor right\$- o#r e! otiona2state 3an 4e  
the res#2 o7! e! ories, hor! ones, ! e i3ines, 7oo ,  
2a39 o7s2æ", tension, or 7ears\$, whenever I start to  
7ee2an8io#s a4o#t a sit#ation, I re! in ! yse27 that  
7ear is o7ten **Fa2se Evi en3e A""earing Rea2**

. o 3a! e to earth at Christ! as to re! in yo# that  
he is a25ays 5ith yo#, no ! atter 5here yo# are\$  
That1s a 7a3t, 5hether yo# 7ee2it or not\$The Bi4æ  
says, UI 3an never es3a"e 7ro! yo#r S"iritE! 3an  
never get a5ay 7ro! yo#r "resCen3erH B#t yo# ! #st



3onne3t or @#ne in@to his "resen3e on a ! o! entC  
4yC! o! ent 4asis, an that is a s9i2that 3an 4e  
æarne \$l ta29 a4o#t it in ! y 4oo9 *The P#r"ose*  
*/riven Li7eS*

So! eti! es 4a4ies are given t5o or three ! i æ  
na! es to honor re2atives\$. o 3o! ! an e that \*es#s  
4e given severa2na! es to e8"2ain his "#r"ose 7or  
3o! ing to earth\$One o7\*es#s1na! es is ! ! an#e2It  
! eans . o is 5ith #s\$ lts no 5on er the ange2to2  
the she"her s, @/o not 4e a7rai E@- o# 2bse yo#r 7ear  
5hen . o is near\$. o 1s "resen3e tr#! "s o#r "ani3S

- o# ! ay have 4een a4an one in 27e: 4y a s"o#se,  
4y yo#r "arents, 4y yo#r 3hi2 ren, or 4y "eo"æ yo#  
tho#ght 5ere 7rien s\$Everyone has 7a3e the "ain  
an hearta3he o7 re;e3tion in so! e 5ay\$- o# ! ay  
have e8"erien3e the sting o7 ra3ia2or ethni3  
"re;# i3e, gen er 4igotry, or re2igio#s into2eran3e\$17  
so, l a! sorry\$B#t . o has not a4an one yo#EHe  
never 5i2E The Bi4æ says, @ o has sai , 1 5i2never

Leave you? I will never abandon you!

One of the great promises in the Bible is this: when you go through deep waters, I will be with you; when you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown; when you wander through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned; when you walk through the heat of the sun, you will not be scorched. I know what difficulty you will face, for you are walking in the right way, and wherever the heat is, you will find me. I know that whatever it is, you will overcome it, for I am with you, and you are going through it with me. That leads us to a third point. One of the great promises

# CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE THAT . O / IS FOR - OUE

The "hrase @7or yo#@is #se o7ten in the Bi42e\$For  
instan3e, 5hen \*es#s ! et "eo"2e, his 7irst 5or s to  
the! 5ere o7ten a =#estion&@ hat o yo# 5ant ! e  
to o 7or yo#+, hen \*es#s instit#te 3o! ! #nion he  
sai , @This is ! y 4o y, 5hi3h is given 7or yo#~~5~~ Saint  
Pa#2sai , @7. o is 7or #s, 5ho 3an 4e against #s0@  
, hen yo#1re 7a3ing a "ersona2atta39, it is great to  
have . o 5ith yo#, 4#t it is even greater to 9no5 he  
is 7or yo#E

Many "eo"2e 7ee2that . o is se3ret2y o#t to @get@  
the! : that he is 3onstant2y "2aying a ga! e o7  
@ ot3haE@an ;#st 5aiting 7or the! to ! ess #" an  
7ai2so he 3an say, @ to2 yo# soE@They i! agine . o  
as so! e 9in o7sa isti3 3os! i3 gro#3h 5ho en;oy  
7r#strating o#r "2ans an is a25ays 2o9ing 7or 5ays  
to 3riti3i6e, ;# ge, or get even 5ith #s\$B#t . o  
hi! se27says other5ise&> 9no5 the "2ans I have 7or

yo#,Gsays the Lor \$IThey are "2ans 7or goo an not  
7or isaster, to give yo# a 7#t#re an a ho"e\$G

No one 5ants 5hat's 4est 7or yo# ! ore than . o \$No  
one 9no5s 4etter 5hat 5i22! a9e yo# tr#2y ha" "yE  
. o oesnt 5ant yo# to 4e a7rai o7hi! \$He 5ants  
yo# to r#n to hi! , not 7ro! hi! \$In 7a3t, %IJ ti! es in  
the Bi42e, . o says, @/ onlt 4e a7rai E@That's one @Fear  
not@7or every ay o7the yearESo 5hat are yo# a7rai  
o70 None o7 #s 9no5s 5hat 5e122 7a3e this ne8t year,  
4#t 5e 3an 9no5 that . o 2oves #s, . o is 5ith #s,  
an . o is 7or #s\$One "2#s . o is a ! a;ority in any  
sit#ation\$

So 5here oes o#r 7ear o7. o 3o! e 7ro! 0 Pri! ari2y  
t5o so#r3es&a g#i2y 3ons3ien3e an ignoran3e o7  
5hat . o is rea2y 29e\$The Bi42e says, @There is no  
7ear in 2ove\$B#t "er7e3t 2ove rives o#t 7ear, 4e3a#se  
7ear has to o 5ith "#nish! ent\$The one 5ho 7ears is  
not ! a e "er7e3t in 2ove\$@ . #i2 ! a9es #s inse3#re\$

Have you ever noticed that sometimes we get  
extra nervous anytime anyone mentions our  
names in a conversation? I've seen people have an  
instant visceral reaction at the mention of  
names. Instinctively, their stomachs, faces, and  
muscles all tighten with a fight-or-flight  
response. Maybe you've even  
noticed your heart rate reacting that way  
when someone's name starts ringing through  
your veins. One possible reason is that we  
fear secrets, hidden things, and we  
fear what we don't know. We're afraid to  
treat others as if they're going  
to stop us for anything. We're afraid, we  
see, to avoid anything at all.

But God is not afraid of you. He is afraid of  
names. Jesus did not send his Son into the  
world to save the world. He came to  
save the world from itself. When  
you're afraid of names, you're afraid to  
see that when you're afraid of names,  
you're afraid of names. He's afraid of  
names. He's afraid of names, He's afraid of  
names, He's afraid of names, He's afraid of  
names.

an regrets\$That's why the first state! ent the ange2  
! a e to the she"her s 5as @/o not 4e a7rai E@\*es#s  
3a! e to save #s, not to s3are #sEIt's a reason to  
3e24rate\$

## CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS , WITH A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR \*ESUS

My sister recently won a "13th of 10!" as a three-year-old, standing next to a birthday cake for \*esus, so! "Let's with 3an 2es\$The 3a9e 5as ! y i ea\$As a to 2er, I as9e ! y ! other, @ hy o 5e have Christ! as0@Mo! "atiently e8"2aine that Christ! as is the 3e24ration of \*esus14irth day\$In a 4#rst of "res3hoo2er ins"iration, I 3on32# e 5ith a 3hi2 1s 2bgi3, @ e2then, 5e sho#2 have a 4irth day "artyE , e 3an have 3a9e an )oo2Ai an sing ha""y 4irth day to \*esusE@My ! other sai , @9ay, 5e 5i2E@

Th#s 4egan a 7iveC e3a e , arren 7a! i2y tra ition, o#r Birth day Party for \*esus every Christ! as Eve, so! "Let's with ange27oo 3a9e an 3an 2es that the yo#ngest 3hi2 (an no5 gran 3hi2 + gets to 425 o#t\$Fo#r generations no5 "arti3i"ate in the sharing\$

I was almost three years old when I suggested we have our first birthday party for Jesus

Besides singing songs and reading the Christmas story from the Bible, each family member takes a turn sharing his or her answers to the questions

What, from this past year, are you thankful for? Since it's Christmas, what gift will you give him this next year? These two simple questions have become the most important and moving moments in our family's history

Because of today's fast pace, we mustn't forget all the good things. So, we move on to the next challenge. That's why I request that you establish an annual celebration, a birthday party for Jesus in your home with family or close friends. She's bringing a one-year timeline to assess and review. So, be grateful in your life and to request that you rise to



Knowing and loving him! Letter is a great way to  
! praise Christ! as! love! praising

Our "arty changes each year as our faith! it changes  
, when! your brother, sister, and I were young, the  
at! as here was right and when an "2015 igges  
we! at're, our sharing love! love! love intense, even  
"robin "The same 3y3e re"eat itself with our  
children, and now it is re"eating with our grand  
children, we always grow stronger and closer to . o  
and to one another through sharing our hearts and  
love! ! it! ends to Christ

. generations love and go My "parents are now in  
heaven "But in a world where everything constantly  
changes, the stability of our faith in Christ has  
enabled us to face the inevitable "roblems of life  
and death of love ones, "by! ent,  
! marriage "roblems, faith! in Christ's, "nana  
illnesses, and all sorts of stresses and strains No  
! matter what you are going through this Christ! as,

try 3e2e4rating the rea2thing\$lt 5i22! a9e a  
i77eren3e\$

*A Time*

*For*

*Salvation*

, hen the right ti! e 7ina2y 3a! e, . o sent  
His o5n Son\$He 3a! e as the son o7a h#! an  
! other an 2ve #n er the \*e5ish La5\$  
. ALATIANS DØ (TEV+

-ears ago I was sitting in my car on a hot  
day waiting for my wife, my, to go to the office of  
a store. My daughter, was three years old and  
strapped into a child car seat in the back of the  
car. Having to wait in the heat and with my  
daughter in her car seat, she hung her head  
out the window and we  
Please, Lord, let me out of this! She was crying out  
for a savior!

Because she could not free herself, my daughter  
needed someone to help her. I was not able to  
help her from her frustrating predicament. Ever  
that day, we all have the joy of seeing that  
Christ has freed her from her predicament,  
Please, Lord, let me out of this!

### **The reason "I" use of Christ! as is salvation!**

Salvation is truly a gift as ever since from sin,  
and hell. It is a gift that, that, that it is so  
important! For, we are not only saved from!

so! ething 4a , 5e are save 7or so! ething goo \$  
The Bi42e says, @n Christ \*es#s, . o ! a e #s to o  
goo 5or9s, 5hi3h . o "2anne in a van3e 7or #s to  
2ve o#r 2ves oing\$

. o has a great "#r"ose an a goo "2an 7or yo#r  
27e\$\$a2vation a2so ! eans 4eing given the 7ree o!  
an "o5er to 7#2712. o 1s "#r"ose 7or yo#r 27e\$

The anno#n3e! ent o7sa2vation 7or anyone in the  
5or2 5ho1 a33e"t it 5as the ange2s se3on  
e32aration o7goo ne5s to the she"her s o7  
Beth2e! at the 7irst Christ! as&

**@o ay\$\$\$there has 4een 4orn 7or yo#  
a Savior, 5ho is Christ the Lor \$  
LU) E A& ' NASB**

Noti3e that this savior is @or yo#@ He 3a! e 7or yo#r  
4ene7it\$\*es#s is a "ersona2savior\$, hat oes that  
! ean0 , hen so! eone says, @es#s Christ is ! y

"ersona2savior,@or 5hen anyone as9s, @Have yo#  
4een save 0@5hat are they re7erring to0

Its 29e2y yo# haven1t given ! #3h tho#ght to yo#r  
nee 7or a savior or 5hat yo# nee to 4e save 7ro! \$  
In ! y Christ! asCsho""er s#rvey, I as9e ,@ hat o  
yo# nee to 4e save 7ro! 0@an the ans5ers I hear  
varie 5i e2y\$

❖ From! 5orry@

❖ From! the 3ost o7gas an ! y e4t@

❖ From! "eo"2 5ho1ve h#rt ! e@

❖ From! ! y anger@

❖ From! ! y "ast: I 3an1t see! to 2et it go@

❖ From! ! y 4a ha4its@

❖ From! ! yse27@

, when "we" think of "salvation", they often have a very narrow concept of it & they think that salvation is being saved from hell. So how do we know more than just fire in hell when he sent Jesus to be our savior? The gift of true salvation is free of all these things, and we in three dimensions! It is not just your past, your present, and your future &

***Jesus saves you from something.***

***Jesus saves you for something.***

***Jesus saves you by something.***

## \*ESUS CAME TO SAVE - YOU FROM SIN AND - YOURSELF

Let me tell you are the sons of man! I am not here to  
 bring peace to the earth, but the sword. For I have  
 come to bring peace to the just, but the sword to the  
 unjust. For I have come to bring light to the eyes,  
 but the darkness to the hearts. I have come to  
 bring life to the flesh, but the death to the world.  
 For the Son of Man is not here to serve, but to  
 be served. For the Son of Man is the Son of  
 Man, and the Son of Man is the Son of God. For  
 the Son of God is the Son of God, and the Son of  
 God is the Son of God. For the Son of God is  
 the Son of God, and the Son of God is the Son of  
 God. For the Son of God is the Son of God, and  
 the Son of God is the Son of God. For the Son of  
 God is the Son of God, and the Son of God is  
 the Son of God. For the Son of God is the Son of  
 God, and the Son of God is the Son of God.

... I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me  
 will not walk in darkness, but will have the light  
 of life. I am the bread of life. Whoever comes  
 to me and believes in me will never be hungry  
 or thirsty. I am the good shepherd. I know  
 my sheep, and they know me. I lay down my  
 life for the sheep. I am the true vine. I am  
 the true vine, and my Father is the true vine.  
 I am the true vine, and my Father is the true  
 vine. I am the true vine, and my Father is the  
 true vine. I am the true vine, and my Father  
 is the true vine. I am the true vine, and my  
 Father is the true vine. I am the true vine,  
 and my Father is the true vine. I am the true  
 vine, and my Father is the true vine. I am the  
 true vine, and my Father is the true vine.



and see, Greece, Sri Lanka, Gossip, or war on earth

Our nation is to stand on a day instead of. It says "This ten enemy to! a new wrong choices instead of right ones is a new sin. The letter of sin is I, and whenever I see it at the center of my life, I sin. It is any attitude or action that denies. It is right as first in my life

Sin is our greatest enemy, and it is universal - of all sin every day: with our words, our thoughts, and our actions. The Bible says, "Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins. No one is perfect. No one has a perfect record. It says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. It is not easy to be perfect. It is not possible to stand in sin, but it is possible to be perfect. This is not a matter of time, but it is not easy to be perfect. Unless you are in total denial, you know that you are wrong. The Bible says, "We have no sin, we are

only 700ing o#rse2ves an not 2iving in the tr#th\$\$\$\$  
175e 32ai! 5e have not sinne , 5e are 3a2ing . o a  
2ar\$@ live ! et tens o7tho#san s o7 "eo" 2e 5hi2e  
trave2ing the g24e, an live never ! et a "erson 5ho  
32ai! e to 4e "er7e3t\$Never\$None o7 #s is sin2ess,  
an 5e 9no5 it\$

, hats 5orse is that sin is ha4it 7or! ing\$The ! ore  
5e o it, the easier it gets\$17yo#lve ever trie to  
4rea9 an a i3tion, ! aintain a iet, 9ee" a Ne5  
-earls reso2#tion, or 3hange yo#r 27e 4y 5i22" o5er  
a2one, yo# 9no5 ho5 7r#strating that is\$- o# 3an  
i enti7y 5ith the a"ost2e Pa#2s 7r#stration 5hen he  
5rote, @ on1t #n erstan ! yse27 at a22, 7or I rea22y  
5ant to o 5hat is right, 4#t I 3an1t\$! o 5hat I on1t  
5ant to: 5hat I hate\$! 9no5 "er7e3t2y 5e22that  
5hat I a! oing is 5rong, an ! y 4a 3ons3ien3e  
"roves that I agree 5ith these 2a5s that I a!  
4rea9ing\$B#t I 3an1t he2" ! yse2711

O#r a3tions, 4oth 3ons3io#s an #n3ons3io#s,

sho#t o#t, @ on#t nee . o El 5ant to r#n ! y o5n  
27e, an l 5ant to 4e ! y o5n . o \$l thin9 l 9no5  
5hat# 4est 7or ! e ! ore than . o oes, so ll! going  
to o 5hat l 7ee229e oing\$@Every ti! e yo# o 5hat  
yo# 5ant to o instea o7 5hat . o te2s yo# to o,  
yo# are a3ting 29e yo# are . o \$That 5ar 5ith . o  
3creates enor! o#s 3on723t an stress in yo#r ! in ,  
on yo#r 4o y, an in yo#r re2ationshi"s\$

This attit# e o7 "ri e7#2se27C5i223a#ses yo# to 4e  
is3onne3te 7ro! . o an 7ee2 istant 7ro! hi! \$  
This 7o3#s on se27 is 5hy yo# 7ee2that . o is a  
! i22on ! i2es a5ay an that yo#r "rayers are ;#st  
4o#n3ing o77 the 3ei2ng\$17 yo# 7ee27ar 7ro! . o ,  
g#ess 5ho ! ove 0 . o i n1\$The Bi42e says, @The  
tro#42e is that yo#r sins have 3#t yo# o77 7ro! . o @

O#r is3onne3te ness 7ro! . o , 5hi3h is #e to o#r  
st#44orn sin7#2ness, is the so#r3e o7 every sing2e  
h#! an "ro42e! on earth\$On a "ersona22eve2it  
3a#ses 5orry, 7ear, an8iety, 3on7#sion, e"ression,

3on713t, is3o#rage! ent, an e! "tiness\$lt 3a#ses #s  
to a3t in 5ays that 3reate g#i2, sha! e, resent! ent,  
an regret\$- o# 5eren1t ! eant to 2ve is3onne3te  
7ro! . o , so 5hen yo# o, yo# 7ee2the tension\$- o#  
7ee2s"irit#a2y e! "ty\$

On a g24a22eve2, 5e see the e7te3t o7 sin a22aro#n  
#s&5ar, in;#sti3e, 3orr#"tion, "re;# i3e, "overty, se8  
tra77i39ing, an a22o#r other so3ia2"ro42e! s\$Even  
! any iseases are 3a#se 4y o#r re7#sa2to 2ve 4y  
. o 1stan ar s 7or hea2thy 2ving\$, ho 3an save #s0  
Not govern! ent\$Not 4#siness\$Not a3a e! i3s\$These  
3an on2y ea25ith the visi42e sy! "to! s an res#2s  
o7sin\$B#t any 2asting so2#tion ! #st start in the heart,  
an on2y . o 3an trans7or! hearts\$

## SALVATION IS FREE / OM

Another 5or 7or sa2vation is @free o! \$@The Bi42e says, @ 5as in tro#42e, so I 3a22e to the Lor \$The Lor ans5ere ! e an set ! e 7ree\$Fro! 5hat oes \*es#s o77er to set #s 7ree0

**Free 7ro! g#i2t over the "ast\$.** #i2t is the ! enta2 " ri3e 5e "ay 7or vio2ating o#r . o Cgiven 3ons3ien3es\$, e 9no5 that i7 5e 4rea9 a 2a5, 5e have to "ay a "ena2y\$, hen 5e 4rea9 . o 1s #niversa2! ora22a5s, so! eone has to "ay 7or that too\$B#t . o , o#t o7his ee" 2ove 7or #s, sent \*es#s to so2ve that "ro42e! \$@The re5ar 7or sin is eath, 4#t the gi7t that . o 7ree2y gives is ever2asting 27e 7o#n in Christ \*es#s o#r Lor \$

, hen \*es#s ie on the 3ross, he "ai 7or everything yo#1ve ever one 5rong or ever 5i22 o 5rong in the 7#t#re\$Ho5 great is that0 It has 4een 3a22e the . reat E83hange, an yo# an I get the 4etter en o7

the ea\$@ o too9 the sin2ess Christ an "o#re into  
hi! o#r sins\$Then, in e83hange, he "o#re . o 1s  
goo ness into #s\$

. o 1s 7orgiveness is 7ar ! ore "o5er7#2than a22o7  
yo#r ! ista9es an sins "#t together, so yo# get a  
32ean s2ate\$That1s 7ree o! \$Even i7 there 5ere no  
heaven or he22 (there are+, the gi7t o7 not having to  
3arry the 2a o7 a g#i2y 3ons3ien3e every ay is  
5on er7#2\$

**Free 7ro! 4itterness an resent! ent\$**Un o#4te 2y,  
yo#1ve 4een h#rt 4y 5hat others have sai or one to  
yo# in the "ast\$, e 3an1t 3ontro25hat others o to  
#s, 4#t 5e 3an 3hooose ho5 5e res"on \$Resent! ent  
is a 3an3er o7 yo#r e! otions\$Un2ess yo# a2o5 \*es#s  
to 7ree yo# 7ro! it, it 5i22event#a2y estroy yo#r  
ha" "iness\$

**Free 7ro! the e8"e3tations o7 others\$**Ho5 o7ten have  
yo# sai or one things yo# i n1t 5ant to o

si! "2y 4e3a#se yo# 5ante to avoi the isa"" rova2  
o7others0 The Bi42e says, @The 7ear o7h#! an o"inion  
isa42es\$@Constant2y 5orrying a4o#t 5hat other  
"eo" 2e thin9 a4o#t yo# is a angero#s tra"\$It 5i2  
ro4 yo# o73on7i en3e, 2! it yo#r "otentia2, rain  
yo#r energy, an 9ee" yo# 7ro! 4e3o! ing a2. o  
inten s 7or yo# to 4e\$

The anti ote to 7earing isa"" rova2 is to 4#i2 yo#r  
27e on the 7o#n ation o7. o 1s #n3on itiona22ove 7or  
yo#\$Love 24erates\$It is a 3on7i en3e 4#i2 er\$The  
Bi42e says, @There is no 7ear in 2ove\$B#t "er7e3t 2ove  
rives o#t 7ear, 4e3a#se 7ear has to o 5ith "#nishC  
! ent\$The one 5ho 7ears is not ! a e "er7e3t in 2ove@

No ! atter 5hat yo# o in 27e, so! e "eo" 2e aren't  
going to 29e it\$An the 4righter the 2ight, the ! ore  
4#gs it attra3ts\$, hen The P#r"ose / riven Li7e  
4e3a! e 5e229no5n, l 4e3a! e a target o7! eanC  
s"irite 3riti3s 5ho see! e to re2ish atta39ing an  
! isre" resenting ! e\$ l trie to 7o3#s on s#" "orting

! y 5i7e, ) ay, 5ho 5as 4att2ing 3an3er at that ti! e,  
4#t the atta39s 5ere is3o#raging\$/#ring that  
e8"erien3e, I 5as en3o#rage 4y . o 1s 7re=#ent 2tt2e  
re! in ers o7his 2bve 7or ! e\$One 5ee9en , the great  
Lon on "astor an a#thor \*ohn Stott an I 5ere 3oC  
"rea3hing a ser! on at Sa 2e4a39 Ch#r3h\$\*ohn is a  
s"irit#a2giant 5ho has 4een a ear 7rien an  
! entor to ! e\$A7ter s"ea9ing together, 5e 5ere  
having a =#iet 3onversation, an \*ohn as9e ! e to  
5rite the 7ore5or 7or Basi3 Christianity, his 32assi3  
4estse2er\$ I 5as h#! 42e that hel 5ant to 4e  
"#4232y asso3iate 5ith ! e\$For 5ee9s, every ti! e I  
re! e! 4ere it, I1 thin9, O7a2the "eo"2e aro#n the  
5or2 that \*ohn Stott 9no5s an res"e3ts, he 3hose  
! eEHis 2bve 7or ! e, an that o7other great "eo"2e I  
res"e3te , gave ! e the 3on7i en3e to ignore the  
isa""rova2o7 "eo"2e 5ho i n1t 9no5 ! e\$

A77ir! ation 7ro! others is en3o#raging, 4#t 7ee2ing  
ee"2y 2bve an 3hosen 4y . o is 7ar greaterEThe  
Bi42e says, eEven 4e7ore he ! a e the 5or2 , . o



Love is an abode in Christ to be holy and  
without fault in his eyes. I know that before  
the Lord I was created, and love is the  
often refers to the decision to love  
personally as well as loving or  
choosing you.

All of us have experienced rejection and carry the  
scars in our hearts. I know you're tired of  
those "anti-things" in your life. I know you're  
tired of the "one chosen for a reason" or receiving  
honor for a moment or having a friend or someone  
who is not your friend. I know you have spent years  
trying to earn the approval of someone who  
is not your friend. I know you haven't gotten  
that "person" approval yet, it is necessary for you  
to ever get it. But the good news is that you don't need  
any approval from anyone.

In order to be set free from the approval of

others, you need to retrace your steps on how! The Holy Spirit! After  
to . of an his incarnation above for you! Here  
are some statements from the Bible to trace back  
to that you can say about the Holy Spirit as  
these things . of is for us, who can ever be against us!  
who is bringing a charge against . of is the one who  
; sometimes! Even if you rather than! other  
than on! the Lord is who! is the one!

So! any "evil" case their identity on the ground! Enters  
an opinion of those around the! But that only  
leads to greater insecurity! Finally your true identity in  
of , not in what others say about you! In his brilliant  
4000 years of Nazareth, His Holiness Pope Benedict  
KVI writes, "Man knows his self only when he learns  
to understand his self in light of . of , and he knows  
others only when he sees the mystery of . of in  
the!"

**Free from a divisive habit!** - of the "road" of the  
of the Holy Spirit that good intentions and New - earth

resolutions are not enough to free you out of servitude  
estrive "attends an routine - you try to  
change, but you inevitably revert back to the same  
, with each day's best intentions, therefore, and  
re! orse, you're! are tra " "e an ho "e -  
nee a "over greater than yourself - you need a  
savior. Jesus said, "If the Son sets you free, then you  
will be free."

. o never intend for you to go through the  
your own "over. He wants you to trust him and  
"en on hi! That's why he asks "ro4e! s in  
your life that you have no "ossibilities of solving  
on your own. Actually, he has the solution to your  
"ro4e! in ! in long before you even knew it was a  
"ro4e! He's been waiting for you to stop trying and  
start trusting.

**Free you! the fear of death!** The actual test of what you  
believe is not how you act at times and births  
and generations - you can "retty ! #3h believe

anything you want when things are going great  
When the election starts, so will the death of you  
realize, when relationships are in a state of  
relationships, when financial resources turn you  
assets to ashes, when "hysteria" ain't #! ! e's you for  
you, and when the event happens above ones leave you  
alone and best, what is it? "how" and "over you  
then? It is foolish to live in denial, "re" are for  
what everyone knows is inevitable

As a pastor, I have "artificial" in contentless  
so I know see the difference that a "personal  
relationship" with \*essentials! aches in how each is  
hand & \$live before into the eyes of "each" who have  
no hope or assurance of heaven, and live sense the  
terror and despair in their hearts at the gravesites  
) nothing \*essentials! aches at the difference in the world  
when you face death

Why you accept that \*essentials in for you on the cross,  
your eternal destiny is determined, and you know

longer year eath\$The Bible says, "In the 5e, . o 1s  
3hi2 ren, are h#! an 4eings: ! a e o77esh an  
42oo : he L\*es#sM4e3a! e 7esh an 42oo too 4y  
4eing 4orn in h#! an 7or! ? 7or on2y as a h#! an  
4eing 3o#2 he ie an in ying 4rea9 the "o5er o7  
the evi25ho ha the "o5er o7 eath\$On2y in that  
5ay 3o#2 he e2ver those 5ho thro#gh 7ear o7  
eath have 4een 2iving a22their 2ives as s2aves to  
3onstant rea \$@

## \*ESUS CAME TO SAVE - OU FOR A PURPOSE

At so! e "oint in 27e, ea3h o7 #s str#gg2es 5ith three  
4asi3 =#estions\$The 7irst is the =#estion o7 e8isten3e&  
5hy a! I a2ve0 The se3on is the =#estion o7  
signi73an3e& oes ! y 27e ! atter0 An the thir is the  
=#estion o7 intention&5hat is ! y "#r"ose0

. o has never 3reate anything 5itho#t a "#r"ose\$  
Sin3e yo# are a2ve, yo# 3an 4e 3ertain that . o has a  
"#r"ose 7or yo#r 27e\$The Bi42e says, @Long 4e7ore he  
2ai o5n earth1s 7o#n ations, he ha #s in ! in ,  
ha sett2e on #s as the 7o3#s o7 his 2ove\$@B#t here1s  
the "ro42e! &every one o7 #s has straye 7ro! . o 1s  
inten e "#r"oses 7or o#r 2ives\$Li9e a train that has  
;#! "e o77 the tra39s, 5e1ve 4een erai2e 4y o#r  
o5n st#44ornness an sin7#23hoi3es\$The Bi42e says,  
@, e1re a2229e shee" 5ho1ve 5an ere o77 an  
gotten 2bst\$, e1ve a22 one o#r o5n thing, gone o#r  
o5n 5ay\$An . o has "i2e a22o#r sins, everything

5eive one 5rong, on hi! L\*es#sM@

A2ho#gh . o 3reate ea3h o7#s 7or a "#r"ose, 5eive  
a2ta9en ! any eto#rs in 27e, thin9ing 5e 9ne5  
4letter\$So . o ha to sen \*es#s as o#r savior: to  
re ee! #s 7ro! sin, to reset the ire3tions o7o#r  
2ives, an to restore #s to his origina2 "#r"oses 7or  
o#r 2ives\$, e are not ;#st save 7ro! evi2 5eire  
save 7or goo E@L\*es#sM ie 7or a2so that a25ho  
2ive: having re3eive eterna227e 7ro! hi! : ! ight  
2ive no 2onger 7or the! se2ves, to "2ease the! se2ves,  
4#t to s"en their 2ives "2easing Christ 5ho ie an  
rose again 7or the! \$@

For ! ore than thirty years, ! y 27e verse has 4een  
A3ts ' %&I &/avi serve . o 1s "#r"ose in his  
generation, then he ie \$This "hrase, @he serve  
. o 1s "#r"ose in his generation,@is the #2i! ate  
e7nition o7a 27e 5e222ive \$- o# #se yo#r 27e to o  
that 5hi3h is ti! e2ss an eterna2(. o 1s "#r"ose+ in  
a ti! e2y an 3onte! "orary 5ay (in yo#r generation+\$

- o# serve that 5hi3h never 3hanges (. o b , or + in a setting that is 3onstantly 3hanging (the 5or2 +\$This is 5hat it ! eans to 2ve a "#r"oseC riven 27e, an there is no greater a vent#re, nothing ! ore 7#2 7i2ing, no 4etter 5ay to 2ave a 2asting 2ega3y 5ith yo#r 27e\$

! imagine that "hrase 5ritten on yo#r gravestone\$My "rayer is that others 5i224e a42e to say that a4o#t yo# 5hen yo# ie: that yo# serve . o b "#r"ose in yo#r generation\$There is no 4etter es3ri"tion o7 s#33ess\$

. o 3creates yo#, sha"es yo#, gi7ts yo#, 3a2s yo#, an saves yo# 7or a "#r"ose\$That's 5hy the Bi42e says, @ ive yo#rse2ves 3o! "2ete2y to . o : every "art o7 yo#: 7or yo# are 4a39 7ro! eath an yo# 5ant to 4e too2 in the han s o7 . o , to 4e #se 7or his goo "#r"oses\$ Nothing 3o! "ares to the thri22o74eing #se 4y . o 7or a great "#r"ose\$It is the ee"est 2bnging in yo#r heart, an no other e8"erien3e 3an



take the "use of it" It is why you were created \$

In The Purpose of Living Life I believe that everyone lives at one of three levels: survival, success, or significance. Most of the world lives at the survival level. Half of the world is still in "eat, drink and live on less than two dollars a day" Over one billion live on less than one dollar a day. That is the survival level.

Why do you live in the United States, you live at the success level, even if you feel poor. Most of the world would love to have your "role" in the success doesn't satisfy - you can have a lot to live on and still have nothing to live for - you can be so busy! finding a living that you fail to achieve.

- you were! a few for far! more than success - you were created for significance. But you will never find significance in "possessions, "resources, or "positions". Significance comes from service: giving your life a way for a "purpose" greater than yourself. \*essays

Why do you insist on saving yourself, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for Jesus are saved. For the sake of the world. News will never know what it means to really live!

When you finally begin following the "Jesus" who that you create for an "Jesus" saves you for, you really are, "This is Jesus! This is why I am alive! This is my reason for being! No I know why I exist! All the success in the world will never give you that peace" satisfaction. There will always be a hole in your heart because you were made to love, trust, and serve God.

So let me ask you something very important & nothing else you have tried has so! "Really satisfied that longing in your soul, what are you waiting for? Why not accept Jesus as your savior - you get your sins forgiven, you get a "Jesus" who for living, and you get a home in heaven! No one else can! Are you over there? Only you can!

## \*ESUS CAME TO SAVE - OUR - HIS . RACE

In "racially every area of the: school, sports, work  
: we are ;# get by our "error! and The A! erican  
work ethic is #1 on earth, seat, so! "etition, an  
hard work\$. Working "#, A! ericans are taught that  
there's no such thing as a free lunch? you# get what  
you# "pay for? it's to be, it's "# to ! e? it you# want  
so! ething one right, o it you# rise? an . o he's  
those who he's the! serves

So when it comes to "iritual! matters, ! any ass#! e  
. o relates to #s on the same "error! and case  
ethic\$- o# ! pay fee that you# have to earn . o is  
a " "reward reserve . o is love, and work you# say to  
heaven by going good or trying to be "error! it  
you# I've thought that, I've got good news for you# & that's  
not at all how it works! Here's what the Bible says  
about what you# ! #st o to be saved & The "e"e  
as we \*es#s, 1, hat are the things . o want #s to o

\*es#s ans5ere , IThe 5or9 . o 5ants yo# to o is  
this&Be2ve the One he sent\$Sa2vation is not a  
! atter o7trying, 4#t tr#sting\$It's not a ! atter o7  
"roving yo# eserve it, 4#t a33e"ting it 4y 7aith,  
9no5ing yo# on1t eserve it\$

The i ea o7gra3e is so 7oreign an antitheti3a2to the  
"o" #2ar ! is3on3e"tions a4o#t . o an even other  
re2gions that 5hen the Bi42 ta2s a4o#t sa2vation as  
a 7ree gi7t o7 . o 1s gra3e, ! any "eo"2e res"on 5ith  
a 42an9 stare\$There is a ! enta2an e! otiona2

is3onne3t\$, e are so #se to re3eiving 3on itiona2  
2ve (4 5i222ve yo# i7\$\$@or 4 2ve yo# 4e3a#se \$\$@  
that #n3on itiona2gra3e is an #n7a! i2ar an even  
#n3o! 7orta42e 3on3e"t\$

Re2gion is ! an1s atte! "t to "2ease . o \$. ra3e is . o  
rea3hing o5n to ! an\$Every re2gion 4oi2s o5n to  
one 5or &@ oE@/o o#r 2st o7things, an yo# 5i22  
earn . o 1s 2ve\$Ea3h re2gion has its o5n #ni=#e 2st  
o7 r#2es, an i7yo# 3o! "are the 2sts, yo# is3over

they are often contrary to the big idea behind  
all religions is that you must strive, and  
worth great effort in order to get to the you

So, to save the earth as essential to say  
things have got it all wrong. We're doing good  
things matters, but it doesn't matter! Love you any  
more or any less? My love for you is not  
conditional, hanging, and I deserve it. So let  
me teach you a new concept. A grace - not a  
"riddle" for it, or a good enough to merit  
it. It's a gift that is lost! It's a gift, but it is free to you.  
Everything I do for you, to you, in you, and through  
you: every single blessing you have in life is a gift  
of love. I love you.

These religions are based on the word "salvation"  
is based on the word "one", then Jesus is for you  
on the cross, he said! It is finished. It's  
eternity! It's important to note that Jesus is not  
a finished, "I have said" He has more to say

Three days later, he said to the resurrected  
brother, and the angels were forty  
days. He said to the angels and the angels  
to the angels, "I will be with you  
in heaven."

So that was finished. The day that you  
salvation. The phrase that is finished is a  
single word in Hebrew that means  
that the Lord is with you. It is a  
sentence that has been said. "I will be  
with you." The Lord says, "I will be  
with you." He has a plan for your  
salvation.

- years ago, a group of people, that is to get to  
heaven. I should like to see you, and I should like to see you.  
He is not the one that answers an answer.  
resurrection, that is to say, it is too late to do  
anything. I said, that is to say, one day ago  
for you. So that is the answer. You need  
to know that he is a man for you.

There is nothing more to a gift of grace "it is nothing"

The Bible says, "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith; and this not by works, it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast." Notice that your Christ is a gift from God. So let us by grace and through faith

## B- . RACE

, hat is gra3e0 . ra3e is . o 1s 2ove in a3tion\$  
. ra3e is 5hen . o 7ree2y gives yo# 5hat yo# nee  
even tho#gh yo# on1t eserve it an 3an never  
re"ay hi! \$. ra3e is 5hen . o so2ves yo#r greatest  
"ro42e! 4e7ore yo# even 9no5 it is a "ro42e! \$. ra3e  
is the 7a3e o7 . o 5hen he 2o9s at yo#r 7a#2s,  
7ai2#res, an 7ears\$. ra3e is . o 1s Ri3hes At Christ1s  
E8"ense\$

. o says, 4 9no5 that yo#1ve 7ai2e to ! eas#re #" to  
! y "er7e3t stan ar \$For everyone has sinne ? 5e a22  
7a22short o7 . o 1s g2orio#s stan ar \$An sin3e  
heaven 5o#2 n1t 4e a "er7e3t "2a3e any! ore i7l 7i22e  
it 5ith sin7#2, i! "er7e3t "eo"2e, there1s no 5ay l 3an  
a22o5 yo# into heaven #n2ess l so2ve yo#r greatest  
"ro42e! : one yo# 3an1t so2ve 4y yo#rse27s- o# nee  
7orgiveness an a tota2! a9eover\$So here1s ! y "2an&l  
5i223o! e to earth as a h#! an 4eing, an l 5i22  
sa3ri7i3e ! yse27 in 2ove to "ay o77 the ! assive e4t



yo# o5e 4e3a#se o7yo#r sin an the a! age it has  
one\$The Bi4e te2s #s, @He 3an3e2e the e4t, 5hi3h  
2ste a2the r#2es 5e 7ai2e to 7o2o5\$He too9 a5ay  
that re3or 5ith its r#2es an nai2e it to the 3ross\$

Christ! as 5o#2 have no ! eaning i7\*es#s ha ntt  
ie on the 3ross 7or #s an then "rove that he is  
. o 4y rising again three 2ater on Easter  
S#n ay\$@He L\*es#sMIs the atoning sa3ri73e 7or o#r  
sins, an not on2y 7or o#rs 4#t a2o 7or the sins o7 the  
5ho2e 5or2 \$By ying to save yo#, \*es#s "ai o77  
yo#r e4t, 3o! "ensate 7or the a! ages o7yo#r sin,  
re ee! e yo# 7ro! s2avery to evi2, an s#4stit#te  
hi! se27to ta9e the "#nish! ent yo# eserve \$That,  
! y 7rien , is 5hat "eo"2e are singing a4o#t 5hen  
they sing @A! a6ing . ra3e@

- o# ! ay 4e "rivi2ege to 7ee2 ee"2y 2ove 4y others,  
or yo# ! ay 7ee23o! "2ete2y #n2ove this ChristC  
! as\$Regar 2ess, yo# nee to thin9 a4o#t this&no  
! an or 5o! an 5i2ever 2ove yo# as 3o! "2ete2y an

ee" 2y as \*es#s oes\$His eath 7or yo# " roves it\$@This  
is 2ove&not that 5e 2ove . o , 4#t that he 2ove #s  
an sent his Son as an atoning sa3ri73e 7or o#r sins\$  
The 4etter yo# #n erstan 5hat \*es#s i on the  
3ross, the ! ore yo#12#n erstan 5hat 27e is  
rea2y a2a4o#t\$

/o yo# 9no5 5hy the tra ition o7 gi7t giving at  
Christ! as 4egan0 Be3a#se . o gave the 7irst an  
greatest gi7t at the 7irst Christ! as: the gi7t o7 his  
Son\$@Than9s 4e to . o 7or his in es3ri4a42e gi7tEG

O#r 5or2 is 72e 5ith 7r#strate "eo"2e 5ho on1t  
9no5 5hat they are 2o9ing 7or an 5o#2 n1t 9no5  
5here to 7in it i7they i \$They ;#st 9no5 that  
so! ething is ! issing, so! ething is in3o! "2ete in  
their 2ives\$Its a gna5ing 7ee2ing that there's got to 4e  
! ore to 27e than a "ay3he39 #nti2 retire! ent\$May4e  
yo# have trie to 7in 7#2722! ent in stat#s or se8 or  
sa2ary or se3#rity or s#33ess, to no avai2, hat yo#1re  
! issing: 5hat yo# rea2y nee : is sa2vation\$- o#

Here! a e 4y . o an 7or . o ,an #nti2yo#  
#n erstan that, 27e 5i2never ! a9e sense\$

**>A Savio#r has 4een 4orn to yo#?**

**he is Christ the Lor EG**

**LU) E A& ' NIV**

- o# ! ay 4e 2o9ing 7or a savior in the 5rong "2a3es&  
l7l 3o#2 ;#st 7in the right ! an or 5o! an, everyC  
thing 5o#2 4e great\$!7l ha a 3ertain ;o4 or got a  
"ro! otion or ha a 4a4y or attaine a 3ertain 2eve2  
o75ea2h, then l1 7ee2"ea3e7#2an 7#27i22e \$!7 on2y l  
3o#2 a3hieve a 4ea#ti7#24o y, i! "ress the right  
"eo"2e, o5n the right things, or es3a"e to Tahiti, then  
! ye! "tiness 5o#2 4e 7i22e \$

The ans5er is not in a "2a3e, a "rogra! , or a "i22\$The  
ans5er is a "erson\$!t1s \*es#s\$, hat yo#1re ! issing is  
a re2ationshi" 5ith the One 5ho 3reate yo# so he  
3o#2 2ove yo#\$4For as yo# 9no5 hi! 4etter, he 5i22  
give yo#, thro#gh his great "o5er, everything yo#

nee for living a truly good life & he even shares his  
own glory and his own goodness with us!

## THROUGH FAITH

. o also tells us, "People are righteous because of their faith, not because of their works." The theologian! For the "righteous because of their faith" is a "stipulation" to be "stipulated" by . o ! means to be ! a e "stipulation" @ never sinne . The warrant for your arrest is 3 charges . The charges are "ro" "e" . The state is 3 years . The guilty is gone . The "penalty" has been "ai" . Live an old . The 9th t#rne "si" e . 5n an sha9en or a 3o! " #ter har rive that has 4een 3o! " #te2y erase o7 ata, the evi en3e o7 a2yo#r sins an ! ista9es is 5i"e o#t\$An ho5 oes this great ;#stipulation ha" "en0 Thro#gh faith\$

\*#st as "arents ee"2y esire an 2ng for their 3hi2 ren to tr#st their 2ve, . o 5ants yo# to 2arn to tr#st hi! . The Bible says, @ itho#t faith it is i! "ossi42e to "2ase . o , 4e3a#se anyone 5ho 3o! es to hi! ! #st 4e2eve that he e8ists an that he

rewards those who earnestly seek him! @ Faith! answers  
... so! it is not what you do, but who you trust,  
that gets you into heaven!

As a young man, I was a teenager for three years!  
People "panic" when they sense they are losing an-  
ty" i3a2y 7ai2 their ar! s aro#n , gras"ing for  
anything! Every teenager knows that if he tries to  
rescue someone who is still in a renaissance an-  
7ear7#2y trying to save him! see, the victim! 5i219e2y  
"#2 the teenager #n er5ater 5ith hi! \$An  
e8"erien3e teenager knows he! ay have to stay  
4a39 a foot, tread water, and wait until the losing  
"erson gives up! \$Then it 4e3o! es =#ite easy to! a9e  
the rescue\$, then the victim! 7ina2y gives up", he  
re28es, and the teenager can take over! \$At that point  
the teenager says! "y" #ts his ar! over the victim! and  
s5i! s 4a39 to shore! \$A2 the losing "erson has to  
o is trust the teenager! \$But a "erson can't 4e save  
#nti2he gives up" trying to save him! see!

Have you given up trying to save yourself? Consider this: it is easier for you to save yourself and yourself in reality need a savior, so do not have waste the enormous energy, effort, and pain to send one there if there are any other way, only you things that you have chosen it instead of suffering on a cross.

I have no idea what sorries or anxieties or fears you're carrying right now as you are reading this. But Jesus knows, he cares, and he can help you: it's just a trust issue! So! "Let's go." Jesus says this: "Do not be sorry and don't set yourself to believe in. Do and believe also in! etc."

So is waiting to save you? He wants to save you from sin and death, save you for his "purpose", and save you by his grace, through faith. But you've got to reach, = it trying to save yourself, let go, and trust your savior to do it for you.

- ears ago I was visiting my dear friend Peter  
/r#39er at his home! e\$Peter was a true Renaissance  
! an, the father of modern management and one of  
the most brilliant thinkers of the twentieth century!  
as the Peter, who is your soul mate \*es#s  
Christ as your savior! He thought about it for a few  
seasons, then realized, "The way that I finally  
stood grace, I realized I was never going to get a  
letter less than that!"

, when Jesus was on the cross "dying for our sins, the  
secrets standing around! once again taunting him!,  
saying, "You are the Son of God, save yourself and  
your son from the cross!" O God, Jesus ignore  
them!, because that wasn't his "purpose" in coming to  
earth! He didn't come to save himself! He came to  
save you!

, what have you got to lose by saying yes to Jesus?  
- nothing! Lose greed, insecurity, fear of "purpose", fear of  
death, hopelessness, anxiety, shame, "senselessness,



an a 2ot o7other 4aggage that yo# 3arry 5hen yo#  
atte! "t to 2ve 5itho#t . o 1s g#i an3e\$, ho 5o#2  
t#rn o5n an o77er 29e that0 Sti22 . o gives yo# the  
3hoi3e\$- o# 3an e3i e to 9ee" 2ving a se203entere  
27e, se"arate 7ro! . o , or yo# 3an 3hoose to t#rn  
yo#r ! in an heart 7ro! going yo#r o5n 5ay to  
7o2o5ing \*es#s (that1s 3a22e re"entan3e+\$Then as9  
7or 7orgiveness 7or a22yo#r sins, an " #t yo#r tr#st in  
. o 1s Son, \*es#s, an 5hat he has a2rea y one 7or  
yo#E

*A Time*

*For*

*Reconciliation*

No5 5e in o#r 5on er7#2ne5 re2ationshi" 5ith  
. o N a224e3a#se o7 5hat o#r Lor \*es#s Christ  
has one\$\$\$! a9ing #s 7rien s o7. o \$  
ROMANS J& ' TLB

My history is the story of bringing the past 20 years there have been nearly 20 years, and these are only the ones we know about. As I write this, there are thirty-two large areas still going on in the world, and we can't see! It's so good at living in peace with one another, but there is a lot of disagreeing, fighting, and warring. A hundred years ago, we were sent to believe that we would just get the world we had, but the wars would vanish. But after two wars, our lives are changing! Most of the nations on the planet, that naive optimism has vanished, and it's a transformation of the heart, a restoration. It's a way to give one another. There are many different "visions." An election does not automatically restore a peace to the heart, but the world's restoration is a restoration.

Restoration is the restoration of peace with ourselves, peace with others, and peace in your own heart.

It is the "o5er7#2! ira3æ 3#re 7or 4ro9en 2ives an  
re2ationshi"s\$Re3on3i2ation e7#ses 3on723t an  
t#rns 3haos into 3a2! ness\$It =#iets =#arre2\$It s5a"s  
yo#r stress 7or . o 1s serenity, t#rns tension into  
tran=#i2ity, an "ro #3es "ea3e o7! in instea o7  
"ani3 or "ress#re\$B#t the s"irit o7 re3on3i2ation  
see! s to 4e in short s#" "2y to ay\$

**Fort#nate2y the thir "#r"ose o7Christ! as is  
re3on3i2ation** To the she"her s o7 Bethæhe! , the  
thir anno#n3e! ent o7 the ange23on3erne the  
arriva2o7 the @rin3e o7 Pea3e\$ \*es#s 5o#2 not on2y  
tea3h the 5ay to "ea3e 4#t 5o#2 e! "o5er #s to 2ive  
2ives o7 "ea3e i7 5e 5o#2 tr#st hi! \$

@ 2ory to . o in the highest, an on  
earth "ea3e, goo 5i2to5ar ! en\$  
LU) E A& D ) \*V

Last year, I 2ogge a4o#t seventyC7ive tho#san ! i2es  
in internationa2trave2\$In every 3o#ntry I visite , I

Witness the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks! The world is a global village, and we are all interconnected. The Internet has brought us closer together than ever before. We are now living in a global economy, and we are all dependent on each other. The world is a global village, and we are all interconnected. The Internet has brought us closer together than ever before. We are now living in a global economy, and we are all dependent on each other. The world is a global village, and we are all interconnected. The Internet has brought us closer together than ever before. We are now living in a global economy, and we are all dependent on each other.

With the help of technology, we can now communicate across the globe. We can now live and work in different parts of the world. We can now travel and explore new places. We can now learn and grow together. We can now build a better world for ourselves and for future generations. We can now live and work in different parts of the world. We can now travel and explore new places. We can now learn and grow together. We can now build a better world for ourselves and for future generations. We can now live and work in different parts of the world. We can now travel and explore new places. We can now learn and grow together. We can now build a better world for ourselves and for future generations.

The same as this is that the is  
with the rise of the Holy Spirit, a  
friendship, an enemy  
"partnership" In Jesus Christ as a survey  
shows, here you are to see this  
Christ as what I hear &

❖ 1) "ea3e 5ith ! y "arents, ! y e8, an ! y  
9i s\$

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9i s\$

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9i s\$

❖ 1) "ea3e 5ith ! y "arents, ! y e8, an ! y  
9i s\$

❖ Honest, it's not in "easy soon, I'll marry  
524e over"

❖ I want to be able to get 439 together

❖ I'd like to see "easy everywhere"

Is "easy on earth really" possible, or is it an unattainable  
fantasy? Is civility: good 52to5ar! en  
"possible when current 3#re 3on itions #s to 4e  
3yni3a2an sar3asti3, to #se "#tC o5ns an na! eC  
3a2ing, to e! ean an e! onibe those 5ho 4e2eve  
ifferent?

The starting point to "easy in your life" is a  
standing the 3a#ses of 3on73t\$ There are many  
reasons, but here are the 4 big ones\$ The first is our  
natural 3entere ness\$, then I want everything  
! y 5ay, and you 5ant it your 5ay, then I'll agree

ashes with yours! neither of us is trying to  
control the other, so this scenario  
says that it is a relationship.  
Even when you love someone, it doesn't mean you're  
going to agree on everything. I learned that  
on our honeymoon. So the very first Bible verse I  
remember together as newlyweds is Proverbs  
'%& F&@ Only 4y "ri e 3o! eth 3ontention& , e  
need that verse a lot.

A second point on, that's the first, a sense of  
control is not trying to control others in our lives  
that only. I can't control, I can't control others  
instead of trying to. So any "ego" get  
! arrive with #nrea2sti3 e8"e3tations and then  
Ivor3e\$No h#! and being I can't control! I can't  
need that's a ;o4 for . o \$

Instead of trying to control others for your  
benefit, the Bible teaches us as follows. I  
instead. It says, @, that I can't control and =#arre2



a! ong yo#0 /onIt they 3o! e 7ro! yo#r esires that  
4att2e 5ithin yo#0 - o# 5ant so! ething 4#t onIt get  
it\$- o# 9i2an 3ovet, 4#t yo# 3annot have 5hat yo#  
5ant\$- o# =#arre2an 7ight\$- o# o not have,  
4e3a#se yo# o not as9 . o \$ l7yo# "raye as ! #3h  
as yo# 3o! "2ain an =#arre2 yo#1 have a 2bt 2ess to  
arg#e a4o#t an ! #3h ! ore "ea3e o7! in \$

- ears ago a 7rien invite ! e to atten a stressC  
! anage! ent se! inar 5ith hi! \$One o7 the s#gC  
gestions the instr#3tor gave 7or stress re2e7 5as  
@Un2ba yo#r stress 4y te2ing it to an #n3on itiona2  
2stener\$Then he =#i392y a e , @The 4est 5ay to o  
this is to ta29 to yo#r "etE@I sat there a! a6e that  
"eo" 2e 5ere a3t#a2y "aying to hear so! eone s#ggest  
that they sho#2 have a heartCtoCheart 5ith their  
ha! sterEPets are great, 4#t they 3anIt he2" yo#  
reso2ve the 3on723ts in yo#r 27e that are the roots o7  
yo#r stress\$

The a"ost2e Pa#2ha a ! #3h 4etter a2ernative&@/o

not sorry about anything, that "ray an as9 . o 7or  
everything you need , always giving thanks\$An  
. o is "ea3e, which is so great we cannot understand  
it, "see" your hearts and ! in us in Christ \*es#s\$

The reality is that there will never be "ea3e in the  
world #nti2there is "ea3e within nations\$And there  
will never be "ea3e in our nation #nti2there is "ea3e  
in our 3o! ! #nities\$There will be "ea3e in our  
3o! ! #nities #nti2there is "ea3e in our 7a! i2es\$An  
there will be "ea3e in our 7a! i2es #nti2there is  
"ea3e in our in ivi #a22ives\$That will ha""en  
#nti2the Prince of Peace reigns in our hearts\$\*es#s  
3a! e at Christ! as to bring to us three 9in us o7  
"ea3e&

*Peace with God*

*The peace of God*

*Peace with others*

## \*ESUS OFFERS - OUR PEACE, WITH US

- our ! ay have never realize that i7 yo#re trying to  
give yo#r 5ay instead o7 . o 5ay, yo#re in 3on7t  
5ith . o \$He 3reate yo# to give 7or his "r"oses, 4#t  
yo#ve been living in re4e2ion against . o \$The Bi4e  
says this is a #niversa2"ro4e! &@ e1re a2219e shee"  
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o#r o5n thing, gone o#r o5n 5ay\$An . o has  
"i2e a22o#r sins, everything 5e1ve one 5rong, on  
hi! , on hi! L\*es#sM@ It is this #ns"o9en 5ar 5ith  
. o : 5here ea3h o7 #s 3hooses to iso4ey 5hat  
. o has to2 #s to o: that 3a#ses tension in yo#r  
! in an 7atig#e in yo#r 4o y\$

The sy! "to! s o74eing at 5ar 5ith . o are easy to  
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tien3e, ! ani"#2ation, arrogan3e an 4oasting,  
ho2 ing gr# ges, an ! any other attit# es an  
ha4its that the Bi4e 3a2s the @5or9s o7 the 7esh\$@The

Message translation of the Bible gives this  
"and that is obvious what in of the event's  
of trying to get your own way at the time and  
relative, however, the "separate" standing  
action of the entire nation of the  
renowned and joyless grasps for happiness  
of the nation? actions? including the  
wants? a fourth part! "and an idol" often to love or  
love? the individual who is an individual lives the  
habit of the person making everyone into a rival  
control and actions

In contrast, the effects of being reasonable to  
being at the heart of the : are the =abilities you  
are to have in your life. The Bible says these the  
of the Spirit, when the Holy Spirit controls our  
lives he will "and" be this in of the in the love, joy,  
"and", "and", in the, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness, and the control

Having confidence in any "and", I have noticed that

there is a 4#i2Cin 2onging insi e ea3h o7 #s to 4e at  
"ea3e 5ith o#r "hysi3a27athers\$This esire 7or  
3onne3tion is har 5ire into #s\$Even i7yo#r 7ather  
has 4een a"atheti3 to5ar yo# or a4an one yo# or  
even a4#se yo#, so! ething 7ee2s ! issing i7 that  
re2ationshi" is is3onne3te \$, e 5ant it to 4e  
i77erent, an 5e 2ong to 4e re3on3i2e \$Peo"2e o a22  
9in s o7st#"i things in an atte! "t to earn the  
a""rova2o7a "arent\$It1s a ee" nee \$

B#t an even ee"er, #n3ons3io#s nee is to 4e  
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heaven2y Father\$Peo"2e o7ten te22! e they sense an  
in3o! "2eteness in their 2ives, 4#t they on1t 9no5  
5hat they1re 2o9ing 7or\$6o! ething is ! issing,@they  
say, or, @There1s got to 4e ! ore to 27e than ;#st thisE@  
So they try a222an s o7 re! e ies: a3tivities,  
a3hieve! ents, r#gs, a77airs: in an atte! "t to "2#g  
the ho2es in their hearts\$, hat they nee is to 4e  
re3on3i2e to . o \$ Nothing e2se 3an 3o! "ensate 7or  
a 4ro9en re2ationshi" 5ith . o \$

>I 4ring yo# goo ne5s o7;oy  
that 5i224e 7or a22 "eo" 2e\$  
LU) E A& F NIV

The goo ne5s o7 Christ! as is that \*es#s 3a! e to 4e  
the 4ri ge o7 re3on3i2ation 4et5een yo# an . o \$  
The Bi42e says, @ o 5as in Christ, ! a9ing "ea3e  
4et5een the 5or2 an hi! se27\$In Christ, . o i  
not ho2 the 5or2 g#i2ty o7 its sins\$ It a2so says,  
@Even 5hen 5e 5ere . o 1s ene! ies, he ! a e "ea3e  
5ith #s, 4e3a#se his Son ie 7or #s\$Tet so! ething  
even greater than 7rien shi" is o#rs\$No5 that 5e are  
at "ea3e 5ith . o , 5e 5i224e save 4y his Son1s 27e\$

Ho5 3an yo#, an i! "er7e3t "erson, 4e re3on3i2e to a  
"er7e3t . o 0 , e22 its not a ! atter o73o! "ro! ise or  
4argaining or negotiating 5ith . o \$Pea3e 3o! es  
7ro! s#rren er: tota2 #n3on itiona2s#rren er to

. o \$- o# a ! it that . o is . o an yo# are notE- o#  
give #" the ri i3#2#s notion that yo# 9no5 ! ore  
a4o#t 5hat's 4est 7or yo# an 5hat 5i22! a9e yo#  
ha" "y than yo#r Creator oes\$- o# give #" the reC  
4e22o#s attit# e that yo# 3an "i39 an 3hooose 5hi3h  
o7. o 1s r#2es yo#122 7o22o5 an 5hi3h ones yo#122  
ignore\$

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3ertain&there's no 5ay yo# 3an 5in a 5ar against  
. o \$As the tit2e o7the ' OBFs Broa 5ay "2ay "oints  
o#t, @ o#r ar! s are too short to 4o8 5ith . o E@As  
\*o41s 7rien sai , @to" =#arre2ing 5ith . o E17yo#  
agree 5ith hi! , yo# 5i22have "ea3e at 2ast, an  
things 5i22go 5e227or yo#&

## \*ESUS OFFERS - OU THE PEACE OF . O/

On 3e yo# ! a9e "ea3e 5ith . o , yo#124egin to  
e8"erien3e the "ea3e o7. o in yo#r heart an in  
yo#r ! in \$The ! ore yo# "ray, the 2ess yo#12"ani3\$  
The ! ore yo# 5orshi", the 2ess yo# 5orry\$- o#127ee2  
! ore "atient an 2ess "ress#re \$The Bi42e "ro! ises,  
@ o#, Lor , give tr#e "ea3e to those 5ho e"en on  
yo#, 4e3a#se they tr#st yo#&

, hat ro4s yo# o7yo#r "ea3e0 Most o7 the 3#2" rits  
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yo#r "2an to 3hange the! +, an #ne8"2aina42e  
"ro42e! s (5hen 27e see! s #n7air+\$Peo"2e res"on to  
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har er to 3ontro2everything, 4#t they1re g#arantee  
to 7ai2at that\$They si! "2y give #" 5ith a 7ata2sti3



attitude, seeking control by their spirit! stand  
Or they gain the "peace of mind" by resorting to  
situations the way Jesus did in an evening on his  
Spirit to the "Father" to do that

- once "readily" hear of the Serenity Prayer, which  
was a late 20th-century Reinhold Niebuhr, that you may  
have not read the entire "prayer" The first three of the  
"prayer" is often quoted and written on posters. But to  
experience the serenity mentioned in the first three  
of the "prayer," you need to understand the "spirit" in  
the rest of the "prayer"

. O grant me the serenity to accept the things  
I cannot change? Courage to change the things  
I can? and wisdom to know the difference. Living  
one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; not  
worrying about the future; concentrating on the present  
because, as He said, "This is the way to peace."  
I have it? trusting that He will do all things  
right in His time, and that I will be able

reasonably happy in this life and see  
happily with Him forever in the next

The path to the peace of God is through living  
an enjoying one day at a time, accepting what  
cannot be changed instead of worrying about it,  
trusting in God's loving care and His love, and  
surrendering to His purpose and plan for your life.  
Jesus! Give us this grace to love, accept, and  
who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will  
give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and let me teach  
you, because my yoke is easy and my burden is light, and  
you will find rest for your souls.

## \*ESUS SHO, S - OU HO, TO MA) E PEACE , ITH OTHERS

On 3e yo# 1ve ! a e "ea3e 5ith . o an yo# 4egin to  
e8"erien3e the "ea3e o7 . o in yo#r heart, . o  
5ants yo# to e8"erien3e the ;oy o7 4eing at "ea3e  
5ith a22the "eo"æ in yo#r æ7e\$He oes this 4y  
t#rning yo# into a "ea3e! a9er\$He gives yo# the  
esire, then the a4iæty an "o5er, to re3on3iæ 5ith  
the "eo"æ in yo#r æ7e 5ith 5ho! yo# 1ve ha  
3on7æ3ts\$A22this 3o! es 7ro! the . o 5ho settæ  
the re2ationshi" 4et5een #s an hi! , an then 3a2æ  
#s to settæ o#r re2ationshi"s 5ith ea3h other\$, hen  
Christ 3o! es into yo#r æ7e, one o7 the 7irst areas  
5here yo# see a i77eren3e is in yo#r re2ationshi"s\$  
, o#2 yo# æ9e . o 1s 4æssing on yo#r æ7e an  
3areer0 \*es#s sai , æ2æsse are the "ea3e! a9ers, 7or  
they 5i224e 3a2æ sons o7 . o \$@ Anyti! e yo#  
atte! "t to restore a 4ro9en re2ationshi", yo# 1re oing

What is the reason when you hear other  
"people" together who have been estranged from one  
another, you are asking the Christian Bible says it  
is the ministry of reconciliation. In 2009, someone  
you know says, "That's my girl" or, "That's my boy".  
They are saying what I see. The truth is that men and women  
are "equal" partners, not "male" partners.

Notice these things in the Bible, "Blessed are the merciful, for  
everyone loves merciful." Neither in the Bible, "Blessed  
are the merciful, for they are never satisfied by anything."  
These things say, "Blessed are the merciful!  
Partners!"

What does it mean to be a "merciful" partner? It is not  
avoiding confrontation. It is not running from a "male" or  
"retreating" it doesn't exist, then so! Someone says, "I  
only want to talk about it, that's so far away, not  
"merciful" thing, then you really dealing with a  
confrontation, it only grows larger or "less" peace. Dealing  
is not a "peace" thing either. Always giving in and

allowing other "enemies" to get their way is "passivity,  
not "aggressiveness" never say "no" ! Just let a  
door! at or a shame! even an abuse your identity! In  
fact, "enemies" never allow others to define him! \$

To stop for "enemies" means you actively see to en-  
dure, you take the initiative in "rotating  
relationships" when relationships are broken, and  
you offer forgiveness to those who have hurt you \$  
- offer "passion" to others the same! be grateful that . o has  
shown to you \$- offer "enemies" together instead of  
dividing them! \$@ Those who are "enemies" are "enemies" \$  
"want" see "enemies" and "real" a harvest of  
righteousness \$@

Many "enemies" are resistant to relationship strained  
relationships because they don't understand the  
difference between forgiveness and trust or the  
difference between relationship and resolution \$  
They are afraid that if they relationship, they will have to  
return to a harmful or dysfunctional relationship "

Without any change taking place that is a  
! is not an original reason

First of all, reason is not the same as  
resolution. Reason ends hostility. It doesn't  
! can you resolve all the "problems" in the  
relationships? - of course the hatred is not the issue  
- of course to take all the issues and focus on  
them, that's not what's above  
instead of saying an anger - of course I disagree  
agreeably. Reason focuses on the relationship",  
while resolution focuses on the "problems". As I say  
focus on reason first\$, then you know that, the  
"problems" shrink in size and so eventually becomes  
insignificant or solves itself

Second, there is a big difference between forgiveness  
and trust. Forgiveness is to be instant and free\$, we  
offer it to others in the same way that we forgive  
ourselves\$, we forgive so we can get on with our lives  
instead of getting stuck in the "past" we resent! ent

an bitterness, also re! e! Her that \*es#s sai , @7  
 yo# re#se to forgive others, yo#r Father 5i2not  
 forgive yo#r sins\$ B#t restoring tr#st is a i7erent  
 !tter\$Forgiveness ta9es 3are o7the "ast\$Tr#st is a22  
 a4o#t the 7#t#re, an it ! #st 4e earne over ti! e\$  
 Tr#st 3an 4e 2st in a se3on , 4#t it ta9es a 2ng ti! e  
 to re4#i2 it\$I7yo#me 4een in a "hysi3a22y a4#sive  
 re2ationshi" , . o e8"e3ts yo# to forgive that "erson  
 so 4itterness 5on1t "oison yo#r 27e\$B#t . o oes not  
 e8"e3t yo# to 3ontin#e 4eing a4#se \$

Here are so! e si! "2e ste"s 7or 4eing a "ea3e! a9er&

- ❖ Plan a "ea3e 3on7eren3e, ta9ing the initiative\$
- ❖ E! "athi6e 5ith others! 7ee2ings, 2stening to sho5  
 yo# 3are\$
- ❖ Atta39 the "ro42e! , not the "erson, s"ea9ing the  
 tr#th in 2ve\$

❖ **Cooperate wherever possible, working for  
30! ! on ground \$**

❖ **E! "hasi6e re3on3i2ation, not reso2#tion\$**

Are you allowing "ego" to have heart you in the  
"past to continue to heart you no50 Every time you  
rehearse and re"2ay in your ! in what has "ene ,  
you allow the! to heart you again\$That's #! 4\$The  
Bible says, @ o# are only hurting yourself with your  
anger@ Resentment is se2C estr#3tive 4e3a#se it  
a25ays hearts you ! ost, and it "ro2ongs your "ain\$  
, hide the "ego" to have heart you go on with their  
2ives, resentment 3a#ses you to get st#39 in the "past\$  
- o# need to let it go\$

Christ! as the season of 'e3e on earth, go 5i22  
to5ar ! en,@is the "er7e3t time to offer the gift of  
grace to others, 5hide 3e24rating the grace . o has  
shown you\$, how o you need to ! a9e "e3e with



this Christ! as0 - o# ! ay 4e thin9ing, P3o#2 never  
7orgive that "erson\$The ! e! ories are too "ain7#2  
an the h#rt too ee"\$I 3an1t ;#st 2et it go\$That's 5hy  
yo# nee \*es#s as yo#r savior\$On2y 5hen yo# 7ee2  
7#2y 7orgiven yo#rse27 5i2yo# 4e a42e to 7orgive  
those 5holve h#rt yo# ! ost\$On2y as yo# are 7i2e  
5ith the 2bve o7\*es#s 5i2yo# 4e a42e to 2et yo#r  
h#rts go an get on 5ith yo#r 27e\$

## UN, RAPPIN. - OUR CHRISTMAS . IFT

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- o#1 4e isa""ointe , h#rt, an angry at ! y 3a22o#s  
re;e3tion o7yo#r genero#s 2ove\$An 7or ! e, the gi7t  
5o#2 4e 5orth2ess i7l 2e7t it 5ra""e an sitting in  
the 3orner\$There 5o#2 4e 6ero 4ene7it to ! e\$

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Christ! as every year o7their 2ives 5itho#t ever  
having o"ene their greatest an ! ost e8"ensive  
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42essings ! entione in this 4oo9: an so ! #3h  
! oreE In \*es#s, yo#r "ast is 7orgiven, yo# get a  
"#r"ose 7or 2iving, an yo# get a ho! e in heaven\$  
, hy 3e24rate Christ! as i7yo#1re not going to o"en  
the 4est gi7t o7a220

The na! e \*es#s a3t#a2y ! eans @ o saves\$@Right  
no5, \*es#s says this to yo#&@ 3an re"2a3e the  
7r#stration in yo#r heart 5ith "ea3e\$I 3an re"2a3e  
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. o \$@

Many years ago, I praye a si! "æ " rayer o7  
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too\$B#t 7irst I 5ant to " ray 7or yo#\$

## M- PRA- ER FOR - OU

*Father, as I write these words, I am praying for everyone who will read them. I don't know the circumstances they are facing right now, but you do know. You know every detail of their lives up to this very moment, and you love them deeply. Thank you for creating them, for loving them, and for sending Jesus to be their savior. You planned this moment before they were born, so I know that you will hear the prayer they are about to pray. Thank you, Lord.*

No5 I invite yo# to e8"erien3e the "#r"oses o7  
Christ! as 4y rea ing the 7o2o5ing "rayer as yo#r  
o5n\$The Bi4e says, @t ! a9es no i77eren3e 5ho yo#  
are or 5here yo#1re 7ro! : i7yo# 5ant . o an are  
rea y to o as he says, the oor is o"en\$@ I7yo# are  
4y yo#rse27, I strong2y en3o#rage yo# to rea it t5i3e  
: 7irst si2ent2y, then a2o# \$

## - OUR CHRISTMAS PRA-ER

*Dear God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, so I could get to know you. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for being with me all my life even when I didn't know it. I realize I need a savior to set me free from sin, from myself, and from all the habits, hurts, and hang-ups that mess up my life. I ask you to forgive me for my sins. I want to repent and live the way you created me to live. Be the Lord of my life, and save me by your grace. Save me from my sins, and save me for your purpose. I want to learn to love you, trust you, and become what you made me to be. Thank you for creating me and choosing me to be part of your family. Right now, by faith, I accept the Christmas gift of your Son. Fill me with your peace and assurance so I can be a peacemaker, and help me share this message of peace with others. In your name I pray, amen.*

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"rayer to . o 0 l7yo# i , 3ongrat#2ationsE, e23o! e  
to the 7a! i2y o7. o EThe Bi42e says there is ;oy in  
heaven anyti! e anyone 3o! ! its his or her 27e to  
\*es#s\$l7yo# ;#st no5 a33e"te the gi7t o7. o 1s gra3e  
4y 7aith, the ange2s are having a "arty in heaven 7or  
yo#, right no5E

## , HAT SHOUL / I / O NO, 0

The first thing you should do is tell others about your decision to give your life to Christ. If they ask, what does that mean? Then tell them this: "I have decided to consider having a birthday party for Jesus to share your news there. I have decided to give my life to Jesus Christ as a result of reading this book, 'Please Let Me Know What He's Doing in a Good Hidden Way' by you. I don't have one, I've seen you so often! I realize that 'I've seen you' start growing serious, and I've given you a free subscription to 'Your Amazing Insignificant'! It's a great story to read!"

["The 'Please Let Me Know'!"](#)

A second step is to begin attending a Bible teaching church. If you don't have a Bible, they can tell you where to get one. They can also help you get a Bible as your "Bible" edition of faith. I've seen you do it, and

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others\$Pass this 4oo9 on to a 7rien \$- o# ! ight give  
3o" ies o7it as Christ! as gi7ts\$The greatest gi7t yo#  
3an give to anyone is to intro #3e the! to the . oo  
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*Merry Christmas!*

# HOL/A BIRTH/A- PART- FOR \*ESUS THIS CHRISTMAS

## A. EN/A

- ❖ Sing so! e Christ! as 3aro2s\$
- ❖ Rea the Christ! as story 7ro! the Bi42e, L#9e A& C  
AF? Matthe5 A& C' A\$
- ❖ Ea3h "erson shares ans5ers to t5o =#estions&
- ' \$, hat a! I than97#2to . o 7or this year0  
A\$, hat a! I going to give \*es#s 7or his 4irth ay0
- ❖ C2se 4y " raying 7or one another\$

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