

John Newlin Ministries, Inc.

- realizing the power of a life in Christ-



“THESE PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING MY BIRTH, AND HERE I AM GETTING READY TO COME BACK!”

Just a couple years ago my wife and I were in a church on Christmas Eve. It was a joyous service. All kinds of happy things were going on. Scripture from the Christmas story was being read. Children and adults were singing. Suddenly, as we sat in the pew, I distinctly heard the statement in red above. I've heard that voice before, in different intensities and ways. When it comes it's unmistakable. It was Jesus speaking. And he was so very clear.

The wonderful account of Jesus' birth that we all love - the first chapter in Luke and the second chapter in Matthew - all that is way past. That's ancient history. But it's still a thrill, God coming as a man to reconcile lost humanity back to God. Just focus on these scriptures presenting the amazing Jesus:

John 1: 1-5, 14a

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (NIV)

Hebrews 1:2-3

... in these last days he [God] has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. (NIV)

Colossians 1:15-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (NIV)

Ephesians 1:20-23

...he [God] raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (NIV)

Ephesians 2:6 -10

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)

If we have any heart, any love, any wisdom at all, we have to celebrate his birth.

But Jesus' point to me in that Christmas Eve service not long ago is also very clear. He is getting ready to return. It is two thousand years or so since his birth. That's a long time. Jesus long ago said "It is finished!" meaning he has done all necessary to reconcile people to God. Now he is sitting at the right hand of the Father. All things are under Jesus' feet. He is the head of the body. We, the believing CHURCH (that group of people called out by Jesus to be in this new society of which he is the head), are the body, his body. So if all things are under his feet, then they are under our feet as well.

While we celebrate his birth, we must stay focused. Everything is ready for the return, or just about so. God's timing is specific. I don't know when the specific day of his return is, but I do know that it is soon. Recently as I prayed and thought about what to discuss in new programs, "how about the return" was the guidance to me. I understood – get back to the return. Other subjects are good subjects, but the return, wow, that's everything now for believers.

Have a Merry, Merry Christmas! But remember to watch, as Jesus says in Luke 21:36. Be always on the watch. You do want to escape all that is coming on the earth and to be able to stand before this wonderful Jesus.

Merry Christmas!

John and Cathy

IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ!

Our deepest thanks to our partners and other donors for their support of this ministry in 2010. That is the way God has provided almost all the funds of the ministry. There recently has been some decline in giving which no doubt follows this difficult world economy. But always remember, it is God's economy that you want to live in. We have received great opportunities lately to expand the television ministry into several areas, but funds are necessary. An increase in ministry receipts of \$1000 per week would allow us to broadcast ***DARE TO BELIEVE!*** weekly into additional homes of more than 17 million people in key areas of the USA. So we are believing for a great provision flow. Please join us in that in any way you can. Don't forget - contributions to the ministry before January 1 are deductible from state and US income taxes in 2010.

[All contributions to John Newlin Ministries, Inc. – whether money or material goods or stocks or bonds – are tax deductible. John Newlin Ministries, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation.]

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

P. O. Box 15797, Wilmington, NC 28408 * 910 395 1465 * Fax: 910 395 1569
www.johnnewlinministries.org Email: info@johnnewlinministries.org