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- realizing the power of a life in Christ-



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THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL TIME AND ALL THE GIFTS HE BROUGHT US

How is this for encouragement right now in our time, in our day: Jesus and all the gifts he has brought and continues to bring each of us! We cannot compile a complete list of all these gifts. Every time we think we have it complete, another pops up. But just think for a moment how wonderful, how extraordinary, all this is.

Without Jesus we had no hope, no way of being redeemed, no way of being saved from a horrible future. Lots of people who don't know Jesus are in that lost and dangerous position right now, but there is still hope for them as long as they are breathing. They can still come to know the Lord.

Jesus himself is the greatest gift the human race has ever received. When he came he brought in his very being the gifts of immense love and hope to all people. And he brought so much more. Just look at all these additional gifts from the Lord:

- **FORGIVENESS** - Perhaps the best known of things he did, Jesus made possible for us God's forgiveness of our sins. (Isaiah 53:4-5)
- **PEACE WITH GOD** - Jesus brought us peace with God (Luke 2:14). That's what the angels were singing about – peace between God and man – obviously not peace between all men. Look at the earth and all the wars and disagreements today!
- **DIVINE HEALING AND HEALTH** - In all ways. For today, right now. By his stripes, you have been healed. As I say often, God wants you well. (Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24).
- **RIGHTEOUSNESS** - Jesus took our unrighteousness that we might be the righteousness of God in him. (II Corinthians 5:21).
- **ETERNAL LIFE** - Jesus overcame death and brought us life everlasting (John 3:16). And not just any life, but life with him and his father, life in the Kingdom of God.
- **ABUNDANT PROVISION** - Jesus became poor that we might be rich (2 Corinthians 9:9).

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- KINGDOM OF GOD - He began the restoration of the Kingdom of God on Earth (Luke 4:43). He actually said that preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God was why he was sent.
- FREEDOM FROM SHAME - He took our shame upon himself that we might be free from shame. (Psalm 69:7).
- FREEDOM FROM REJECTION - He took our rejection upon himself that we might be free of that too. (Isaiah 53:3). No one in Christ is rejected. We are all part of a wonderful family, the family of God.
- DESTRUCTION OF THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL – As the scripture says, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. That is one great gift. (1 John 3:8).
- BLESSINGS INSTEAD OF CURSES - He freed us from curses of the law and instead brought us the blessing given Abraham (Galatians 3:13-14).
- THE HOLY SPIRIT - He asked the Father and the Father sent us the Holy Spirit (John 14:16). The Holy Spirit is for every believer. While Jesus was on earth, he could only be in one place just like each of us. But when he left, he asked his father, and his father sent us the Holy Spirit. God – the Holy Spirit can be and is anywhere he wants to be and with any and everyone he wants to be all at the same time.

And with the baptism of the Holy Spirit comes all those wonderful gifts of the Spirit, gifts of healings, of miraculous works, of faith, of discernment, of speaking and interpreting in tongues, of prophecy, of word of knowledge, of word of wisdom. And so many more.

- SHOWED US WHO WE ARE IN HIM - For example, in his name we cast out demons. In his name, we do the same things he did, even greater. See the handout “Who Are We in Jesus” on our website. Or request a copy from us and we will mail it to you. It is a long list of who we are in Jesus, which in effect is a list of great gifts he has brought each believer.
- PROPHESED WHAT HAD TO HAPPEN BEFORE HIS RETURN (Mark 13, Matthew 24, Luke 21) – He told us what to look for that would be signs of his imminent return. That is a great gift, and indeed we are living in the time of recognizing the fulfillment of those signs, those prophecies.

That is amazing and wonderful but in no way complete. Years ago when I had just completed recording our three CDs titled *WHAT DID JESUS DO*, a set that includes the gifts listed above, right in my ear I heard him say “I did more than that.” Of course he did. So much more. We discover every day more of what he did.

To put it all together in a simple statement, I like to say that Jesus took care of everything that separated people from God. He did. He reconciled humanity to God. Now the only thing left for each person to do is to realize who he is, repent (change what they are doing), and accept him as their Lord.

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This is what Christmas is all about. God in man, coming to earth in human form, and bringing and doing all that noted above and much more. Bringing us unimaginable gifts, marvelous gifts. Saving our lives for eternity.

Thanks and praise and glory be to God forever for his immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ!

[Note: To hear more about all Jesus did, including many of the gifts listed above, watch our videos on the website titled *WHAT DID JESUS ACCOMPLISH* or request our three CDs on this subject titled *WHAT DID JESUS DO.*]

WAKE UP AMERICA! – OUR GRATITUDE AND CONTINUING REQUEST - YOUR HELP NEEDED NOW

Last month many of you read, some perhaps for the first time, that we have been deeply involved in writing the book *WAKE UP, AMERICA!*, the book God has specifically guided me to write. You know this is a vitally important book. Jesus is returning at the appointed time and nothing you or I do will change that. And you read how we now are at the point of publication and of developing plans and programs to get this book out to all. The manuscript is currently in the hands of the publishers and is being reviewed by the editors. Our plan is to have this book out as quickly as possible, which is God's guidance.

All this requires significantly more funds than we have now. So we asked you last month and continue to ask you to donate to the ministry now and hopefully on an ongoing basis to help us get this book published and second to help us go forward with all aspects of the marketing of the book throughout the country.

Several of you have already responded, and we are so very grateful. We thank you from the depths of our hearts. Getting this book out to all God would have see it throughout the country is an ongoing very big project. We thank all of you who have given and who will be giving in the days ahead. And of course we thank all of you who donate on a normal regular basis in support of the ongoing actions of the ministry. We will keep you all posted on the progress of this very large, huge task.

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Today and every day there are so many things happening in America and throughout the world that we could write and focus on. I am sure you are aware of many but probably not all. I have a list of some, and I had considered writing on these and how they are part of the last days before the Lord's return. But then God separately led both Cathy and me to the subject of this newsletter and to the focus on the greatest gift of all time, on the love that brought us that gift, on this great grace of God.

So this last newsletter of the year takes a break from all the harsh subjects of these days in all aspects of society. Hopefully at this time you will be able personally to do that too, to step back, to step away from the draining news reports and debates and accusations and bad behavior. Take a deep breath. Relax in the peace that passes all understanding, another great gift. Of all times, now it should be easy to keep your eyes on Jesus. He is the reason for the season. He is the reason for our hope. He gives us joy and delight. He gives us a future.

***WE WISH ALL OF YOU A WONDERFUL, VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS!***

May you live in the blessings of the Lord always.

And Always, Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

John and Cathy

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