



Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today." So that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

December 2017 Ministry Letter



Let's take **A Second Look** at Christmas. Please remember it is Merry Christmas not Happy Holidays. Oh yes if you want to be politically correct Happy Holidays will work for you but how can a holiday be happy without Christ in it? Christ is the center focus in our life and all that we are. He not only gave us eternal life but a blessed and wonderful life here on earth.

OK, you say your life is not so great? Jesus in His Word gave us life and more abundantly! We are not to grumble through Christmas we are to rejoice.

John 10:10b KJV I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Are you really trusting Him? The first sign that you believe Jesus' Words are true is that you are excited about them and His Word working in your life. When you do that your not so great life will turn around and start becoming great. I am not telling you this just out of the blue, but from my life. When Jesus became my everything. He took care of my everything. Remember He said His plans for you are good and only good! The joy of the Lord is our strength!

Take **A Second Look** and have a Merry Christmas!



Year-End Blessing

We Praise God for each, and every one of you our precious family and friends. For your love, encouragement, times of fellowship, your support and prayers and especially

for your love and commitments this year! For our Bible study family who is faithfully on the screen (Skype) every Monday night willing and excited to receive the Holy Spirits Word! We praise God for all the hugs and kisses, smiles and great praise reports giving Glory to God! For all the text messages of encouragement across the miles and the beautiful letters and gifts of love! You are awesome! And thank you for receiving our newsletters and desiring to be a part of this wonderful journey of our faithful Lord and Savior Jesus!

Our Prayer for 2018 for you is that this will be one of the most powerful, Holy Ghost,

supernatural, anointed, victorious, healthy year for you and your family. Merry Christmas, in our precious Jesus' name! We love you all!

Reagan and Patti Happy Birthday, Jesus!

It's Christmas! Find someone who brings you joy and don't let them out of your sight. Jesus came to give us life and joy and He wants us to live that way. When our children are happy and joyful we can't help but be happy. Sit in a room when someone is laughing and before you know it everyone in the room is laughing. Joy is contagious.

Remember in the play about Scrooge, he was missable and he made everyone around him missable as well, until he learned how loving, giving, and sharing gave him and others joy and happiness. That revelation changed his entire life. Jesus says for us to love one another as He has loved us. what a wonderful Christmas present to give someone!



For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior who is Christ the Lord!

As we enter into the season of celebration of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's birth I think about the environment that surrounded this young couple Mary and Joseph and the great calling God had planned for them and their heart attitude they had when all this miracle was taking place. I think about the violent lifestyle of the Romans, and the evil hearts of people that controlled God's people by fear having no love or compassion and then those that remembered the prophecy in that day that God was sending a deliverer and savior to rescue His people from the oppressive evil government system.

When the Angel came to speak to Mary, a young teenage girl, that had just been betrothed to Joseph, a young man, this was a public celebration that the two families would be involved in and they brought gifts for the couples wedding betrothal! An exciting time of celebration when soon after the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she has found favor with God and she would become pregnant by the Holy Spirit and that she would carry and birth the savior of her people. She was the tool that Father God would use to bring forth the prophetic Word that young Mary and Joseph were brought up hearing and believing! Mary received by faith the assignment, all though she could not understand how all this would happen, but her heart was so full of the prophetic word that the savior and deliver would rescue their people, and her love was so strong for Father God she received her call. She did not realize when the presence of God came upon her the Angel would surround and protect her and Joseph and their unborn baby boy named Jesus. But the privilege would cause much friction between her and Joseph, the parents, the neighbors as well as the governing authorities. Imagine pregnant after being betrothed as the sweet, faithful, pure undefiled woman, Mary who was previously announced to be all of that! Now pregnant and telling people she carried their savior and deliver in her womb and He would be the answer to all God's people. Yet, a baby, the deliverer a fellow peasant girl, what kind of craziness is this? You can imagine their horrific thoughts and treatment of the young chosen girl and boy.

These people believed for hundreds of years there was a deliverer coming yet God didn't choose the one they thought it should be. A King and adult King maybe but not an actual baby. Mary's faith was gigantic after the Angels visit! She kept her love and faith (her focus) for their great assignment that would include

persecution as never before seen, so brutal and horrific to her as well as her Joseph and the families and even this new baby in her womb. But God showed her, He would never leave her or forsake her.

As I pondered this it made me think of how the Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. Then I think about the supernatural event of the return of the full-grown man about to part the clouds and take us all back to Heaven with Him. Again deliverer and savior, King of kings and Lord of lords Jesus that is coming for His bride, a bride full of faith, love and no spot, wrinkle or blemish! How many people are ready for this King of kings and Lord of lords? Christmas is a wonderful time of year, the celebration of Jesus. It is also a wonderful time to look back on the written

Word that gives us the hope and truth of our future with our Lord and Savior once again, coming back to deliver us from the limitations of the flesh here on earth to the freedom of the spirit for all eternity!

Be aware the return to us of our Lord and Savior!

To be ready in faith expecting and not tied up with the bondage of the worlds way! This is the greatest Gift given by Father God, His Son Jesus for all eternity.

Happy Birthday Jesus our Deliverer, Savior and soon coming, King!

Merry Christmas



Anger or Bitterness

Our attitude can be a Key to our victory or our defeat in our daily situations. So for those who have not been able to join me in the conferences yet, although I do hope you will someday soon, I believe sharing an attitude in a character in the Bible would be a help and encouragement, deliverance, and healing by the Holy Ghost! I've seen many touched and blessed, restored, healed and delivered in the presence of God and I am trusting as I share these characters and attitudes the same will happen! There is no distance in the Word and our Lord.

Today's thoughts on attitude: Our example – Mary in the natural.

Although Miss Mary had a great love for Father God and continual desire to be obedient to her calling she continued remembering the word the prophets had given to her and her people, that there would come a deliver and savior to her people. She had the great honor of caring the baby Jesus! She found favor with God and all Heaven kept alert just for her, making sure the provisions and protection etc. were provided.

Mary had many opportunities in her feelings and emotions as a pregnant teenager to become angry and bitter.

(1) Just think the man she loved and was publically betrothed to didn't believe that she was the carrier of their deliverer and savior, after all the only way to get pregnant is to have relations with a man. (She was not trusted by her betrothed.)

(2) The Jewish law and her neighbors and the city she had grown up in and she had frequently encouraged because of the hard life they lived under the Roman

system rejected her. She kept reminding them that by faith that God would send the deliverer and savior!

(3) Her new in-laws thinking she was a whore.

(4) The persecution of both families, the accusations, comments, the looks, just like they eventually did to Her son Jesus. When the neighbors and families who grew up with Jesus reduced Him to just a carpenter's son. **Mark 6:4 (NKJV) But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."**

(5) The coldness of those who rejected her and Joseph at the oncoming of the birth. Sorry,

No Room At The Inn!

Just a few areas that the power of evil tried to intervene through an attitude. But Mary made a choice to keep her self-focused on the call and deliverance of her people rather than the enemies tactics. This call affected every person on earth, praise God, we must keep our spirit continually fed and on track with the Word!

We need to listen to the Holy Spirits voice, to be willing and obedient. We will only have one birth, death, and resurrection, it is done for the world! We have choices to believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.

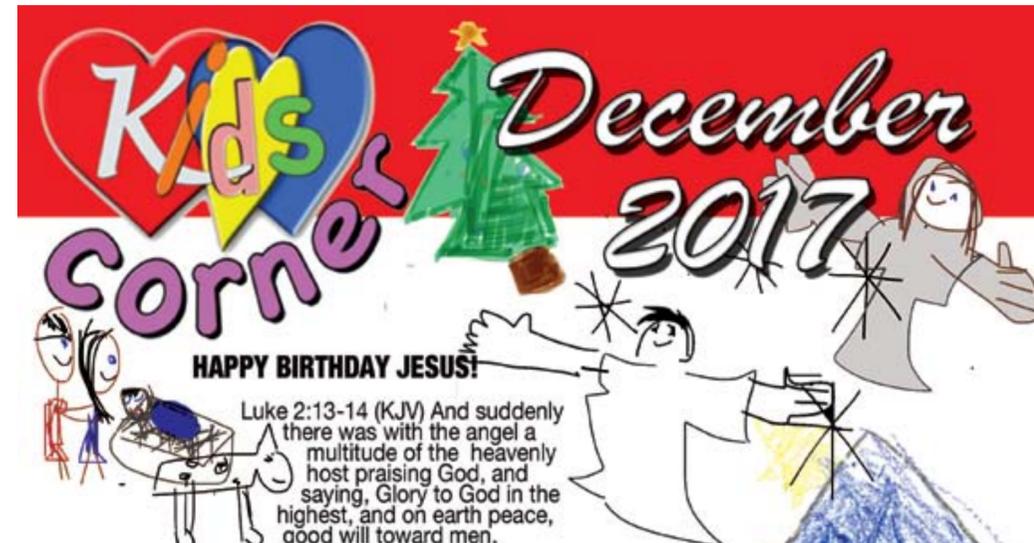
There will be assignments for all who believe. Let's remember what damage can be done in our lack of obedience, but what victory and glory can be done for those that believe and keep our flesh under wraps and our spirit full of the Word.

Merry Blessed Christmas to you and yours!

In the love of Christ Patti



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

Luke 2:13-14 (KJV) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Kids! can you imagine how beautiful that was? Jesus born and the angels came from Heaven praising Daddy God for bringing Jesus to the earth for us! Yes! You and Me – yeah for Jesus!

Luke 2:15 Jesus sent by Daddy God to be our savior and deliverer for all who believed. When the angels went back to Heaven the shepards were in the field who had seen and heard the Heavenly Angels praising and thanking Father God for sending Jesus!

We celebrate Jesus being born too! That is what Christmas is all about! Jesus being born to save God's people! Have you met Jesus, have you asked Jesus to live in your heart yet? Jesus came as a baby born in a stable (not in a hospital) but in a stable surrounded by animals! Sheep, camels, goats, donkeys, horses, roosters, ducks and many different animals! Wow! What a special baby! Born in a stable among the animals while the heavenly hosts (lots and lots of angels) singing and praising God for this baby who would grow up and become Lord and Savior to all men, women and children that would ask and believe Jesus to live in their heart! The birth of Jesus, the reason we celebrate Christmas!

Jesus loves you and so does Ms. Patti and my precious sweet grandbaby girls, my Zoey (10) and my Aliza (5) I thank Jesus for them everyday! And for their wonderful pictures they both drew just for you!

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday Jesus!

If you have not asked Jesus in your heart all you need to do is say this prayer: Dear Jesus, I believe in your birth. I believe you died on a cross just for me and raised up from death and live in Heaven – praying for me daily from Heaven. I believe you sent your Holy Spirit so you can live in my heart. I ask you Jesus to come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior! Thank You Jesus! Amen!

If you prayed this prayer please send your name and address to Ms. Patti and I will send you a gift! 411 Walnut st #12187, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Love you all! Merry Christmas