

GRACE & PEACE to you from GOD our FATHER, who sent our LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST into this world, that WHOSOEVER believes in HIM should NOT perish but have ETERNAL LIFE (John 3:16). Because of the slowness of bulk mail, our LORD'S birthday will be over when you receive this newsletter. I just LOVE the CELEBRATION of CHRIST-mas, & this is a time of NOT giving, but SAVING. JESUS is the ULTIMATE GIFT to ALL humanity. (Acts 4 : 12)

My prayer is that multitudes continue to receive GOD'S gift of JESUS (John 1:12), where HE is the CENTER of their lives & on the throne of their hearts (John 8:12). The LORD gave me strength to do 252 services in 2004 where over 3400 either invited JESUS in their hearts as LORD & SAVIOR, or rededicated their hearts to HIM. Remember, it is John 6:44 that says, 'No one can come to JESUS unless the FATHER who sent JESUS draws him & JESUS will raise him on the last day.' Yes, it's HIS supernatural strength & divine energy that keeps me going & my passion & a sense of urgency to win souls INCREASES each year, PTL. In these 22 years of ministry in the Skid Row & Prisons, I give GOD ALL THE HONOR, WORSHIP, & GLORY for all that HE has accomplished thru me (John 15:5; Eph. 6:10).

I was to do a 6 hour seminar in a penitentiary (I'll not name) on SPIRITUAL WARFARE on December 11th & 12th, but when bullets were found in different yards, all five yards were locked down. I still got blessed going to Church On The Way with an anointed message by Pastor Jack Hayford. Because I do many Sunday services, I don't always get to church. Yes, I was ticked at the devil!!! This year's CHRIST-mas music extravaganza at the church as always was wonderful & inspiring. All 17 services this month were well attended with nice harvests. The Chino Women's prison service was extra special for me as a great number of the sisters are praying for me during this time that I have pain in five parts of my body. It really touched my heart. There are also brothers from 4 different penitentiaries that pray for me DAILY, & their devotion to me BLESSES me.

As I was preaching in one service this month, I said, 'on CHRIST-mas day, we CELEBRATE the entry of CHRIST into the world, coming in the form of baby JESUS, the PRINCE of PEACE.' Afterwards, as they ate, I walked in & a man (no, not Scrooge) said, 'what peace were you talking about Mel? We're in a war & the world is screwed up.' My response : JESUS said in John 14:27, 'PEACE I leave with you; MY PEACE I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.' This peace comes from being freed

from bondages & **REDEEMED** from the destiny of sin. We can celebrate **HIS** coming & live in **PEACE** because of what **JESUS** did for us. Our future is **SAFE & SECURE!** The last 2 times that I was dying , I had this **PEACE** from the **PRINCE** of **PEACE** (Phil. 4:7). What a gift, **PEACE, JOY, & HOPE** , all from **JESUS**

Another wonderful **TRUTH** of the **INCARNATION** (John 1:14) is the continuing ministry of **CHRIST** as our great **HIGH PRIEST** (Heb. 4:15), who sympathizes with our weakness, one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet **WITHOUT** sin. Multitudes around Thanksgiving through **CHRIST-mas** are lonely, discouraged, mistreated, fearful, anxious & tired. **JESUS** knows how you feel & **HE** knows the pain of your heart. **HE** can quite literally sympathize with you because **HE** became a man; and though sinless, **HE** encountered the trials & temptations of human existence. **HE** prays for every believer 24-7. (Rom. 8:27)

The incredible **INCARNATION** of **CHRIST** brought the drama of **REDEMPTION** to a crescendo. **GOD'S** only begotten conceived in Mary's **VIRGIN WOMB** is **EMANUEL**, **GOD WITH US** (Matt. 1:23). **GOD** knew the deep needs of mankind. A **SAVIOR** was needed to save them from the bondage of sin, shame, & guilt. **OUR LORD JESUS** does this for ALL who are lost (II Peter 3:9), providing a way through the darkness of sin, fear, doubt, hopelessness & rebellion.

The **NEED** for a **SAVIOR** is just as great today as it was when **JESUS** was born. The **LIGHT** of **GOD'S** **MERCY & GRACE** has NOT grown dim. John wrote, "There was the **TRUE LIGHT** which, coming into the world, **ENLIGHTENS** every man. **HE** came to **HIS** own, & those who were **HIS** own did **NOT** receive **HIM**. But as many as received **HIM**, to them **HE** gave the right to become children of **GOD**, even to those who believe in **HIS** name." Technology, human reasoning, a one-world view or a screwed up world **CANNOT** satisfy the inner longing of mankind's heart. ONLY the **LOVE** of **GOD** can fill the emptiness of a broken soul. The **CHRIST** of **CHRIST-mas** is the **LORD** of **ALL** our moments & of the untested seasons before us. Receive **HIM** now & be **SAFE & SECURE** . (II Cor. 1:2).

My daughter Lea & grandson Elijah came down from Oregon for **CHRIST-mas**. Nikol was here too, & my heart was overjoyed to be with them.

Until next month, **LORD** bless you all, & to you who sent **LOVE** offerings , thanks & a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,

Mel Novak