

GRACE & PEACE to you from GOD our FATHER & our LORD JESUS CHRIST. We can REJOICE In the LORD (Phil. 4:4) & PRAISE HIM who came to earth that we, who receive HIM, LIVE FOREVER. I love the celebration of CHRIST-mas & this is a time of not just GIVING, but SAVING. JESUS CHRIST is the ULTIMATE GIFT to all humanity (Acts 4:12). My calling & prayer is that multitudes continue to receive GOD'S gift of JESUS (John 1:12), where HE is the CENTER of their lives (John 6:33), & on the throne of their hearts (John 8:12).

It has been a very fruitful year of harvesting souls (John 6:44), preaching CHRIST CRUCIFIED. GOD gave me the strength to do 275 services where over 4500 invited JESUS CHRIST in their hearts or rededicated their lives to HIM. GOD IS SO GOOD (Nahum 1:7)! He continues to infuse a sense of urgency in these end times to win souls & preach HIS WORD (Luke 12:12). I pray, then I pray some more & P.T.L., GOD is faithful & answers prayer (Heb. 10:23, I John 1:9) Speaking of prayer, thank all of you for praying for me. My bone scan came out clean so GOD is keeping me around at this time. I give thanks every day for all the extra bonus years HE has given me, almost dying 4 times. Each day is a gift! There are multitudes of gifts in GODS treasure chest HE gives us when we invite JESUS in our hearts. Don't just open the lid & take out the passport to HEAVEN. Dig in & embrace the gifts of PRAYER (Prov.15:29), PRAISE (Ps.34:1), WORD of GOD (Heb.4:12), GOD'S PROMISES (2 Cor. 1:20), GOD'S WILL, HEALING (Matt. 8:17), ANGELS (Ps. 34:7), RESTORATION (Exodus 23:25; Zech. 9:12), WHOLE ARMOR (Eph.6:10-17) In the Name of JESUS (Phil. 2:9; Eph. 1:20-23), LOVE (Jer. 31:3, Jn. 3:16), & many other blessings. AWESOME gifts of HIS LOVE.

Again, I'm sorry that I cannot write notes & scriptures on my newsletters to you. The P.O. bulk mail came down on me, saying they will charge me another \$50 to \$75 a month. Another blessing & PRAISE report is that my precious daughter Lea is pregnant. We are all thrilled.

In the services this month in Skid Row & prisons, each sermon was about GOD'S LOVE, The Most Wonderful CHRIST, The Meaning of CHRISTMAS, The GIFT of GOD & many others to encourage edify & uplift those who are lonely, lost & discouraged. GOD'S WORD is ALWAYS the bright light that pierces the darkness. Satanic attacks on this world are unrelenting, & every day there is a crisis in the news. But we are CONFIDENT that the final VICTORY belongs to CHRIST & that is why wherever I am called to preach, I forge ahead in HIS strength to reach out to the downtrodden & lost.

This coming EASTER RESURRECTION day will be my 27 year anniversary, P. T.L.

We live in a fallen world & almost everywhere I turn, I see tragedy & heartache. Only a fool misses the point from the morning headlines that we are sitting on the edge of disaster. The enemy of our souls, the devil, whispers, "You don't make a difference ñ they can't be helped." The devil is a LIAR (John 8:44). It is such a blessing when I see lives change & I do, after JESUS becomes LORD of their lives. At the L.A. Co. Jail, about 7 months ago, 3 gangbangers were talking as I was preaching a sermon. I stopped & walked off the podium to where they were sitting. I asked, "Are you preachers?" They said, "No." I said, "Then shut up or go back to your cell. We are in church & you will respect the LORD! Can I hear an amen?" The chapel erupted in a loud AMEN. One of those 3 named Victor said to another later, "I don't like Mel Novak." But he was drawn to my services & then gave his life to CHRIST. I gave him a Bible, & the Arsenal Prayer. He had a healing & got off medication, stopped gangbanging, drinking & doing drugs. The LORD changed his heart. Victor was released 3 weeks ago & came to the Fred Jordan Mission & Union Rescue Mission with me, giving his testimony. He told them, "I was a knucklehead till I met Brother Novak. I want to be like him & be a soul-dier 4 Christ." He comes to my home Bible study. P.T.L. Another ex-gangbanger Salvador, who already spent 7 years in state prison changed & is on fire for JESUS. He even prays in tongues.

During every CHRIST-mas season, there's a break in the bleakness that shines thru, JESUS, & a bit of beauty in the midst of ugliness of terrorism & hate. Some people laugh but don't understand why. Many make merry because they are supposed to during the holiday season, and its MERRY CHRIST-mas, not "Happy Holidays". We must pause & remember "For unto us a child is born, to us a SON is given, & the government will be on HIS shoulders, & HE will be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE of PEACE" (Isa. 9:6). One day, our SAVIOR will return, and then ALL the ugliness will be removed. See Rev. 21:4.

In an hour of need, here are 5 scriptures that are a blessing, healing & anointed words. Please read & meditate on them: Ps. 56:3, 4, 8, 9 & 13. Pray over them by FAITH, standing on GOD'S promises. At this time of the year, don't let the enemy overwhelm you with loneliness. JESUS is ALWAYS there (Heb. 13:5, Matt. 28:20). I understand as all of my family, except Nikol, are not here in L. A. Happy New Year!

Until next month, may GOD richly bless you. To you who sent love offerings, I thank you & PRAISE HIM.

In His Majesty's Service,

Mel Novak

Scriptures to embrace: Rev.7:15-17; 1John 5:11-13; Ps.9:9, 10; Ps. 37:23, 24;
Hubak3:17-19