

Beloved friend in **CHRIST**, it is my prayer that during the Thanksgiving & **CHRIST**-mas holidays that you are **REJOICING** in the **LORD** (Phil. 4:4). These are days of heavy spiritual warfare that demand a commitment to live a life of **FAITH** (II Cor. 5:7) & **PRAISE. THANKS & PRAISE** be to **GOD** for **HIS** wonderful gift, **JESUS CHRIST**, the only begotten **SON** of **GOD**, who is the object of our **FAITH**. The **ONLY FAITH** that **SAVES** is **FAITH** in **JESUS CHRIST** (Acts 4:12). Take time this **THANKSGIVING & EVERY** day to thank **GOD** for sending **JESUS** & his perfect plan of salvation. And counting our blessings **ALWAYS** makes a grateful heart.

November was an incredible month of ministry that brought in over 500 who prayed the sinner's prayer in 22 services (John 6:44). Sunday the 1st, I was at Donovan Penitentiary where I preached for 4 hrs. I was also able to walk cell to cell where there was a lock down. At one service, **ALL** prayed the "receiving **CHRIST** in their hearts" prayer. After I finished at Donovan, I drove to Victory Outreach Church & ministered there. Even with the 6 hr round trip drive, forgetting to set the clock back & getting up at 3:30 a.m., preaching for 5 hrs, I still had energy when I got home at 10:45 p.m. (Eph. 6:10; John 15:5). The anointing was strong (I John 2:20, 27). The next morning I ministered for 2½ hrs at the Victory Outreach Recovery Home. On Tuesday the 3rd, I had 90 inmates in the chapel service at L.A. Co. Jail & 81 had their names written in the **BOOK** of **LIFE**. I marvel at how **GOD** is drawing multitudes into the kingdom thru **JESUS**, who is called the **WORD** of **GOD** (Rev. 19:13).

I had 2 other services at L.A. Co. Jail that had 175 inmates with a 70% harvest. This was a month of inmates really listening to **GOD'S WORD** with an open heart. Chino Women's Prison service again had 140 attend with another wonderful harvest. There are over 50 inmates there who pray for me **DAILY** which touches me. The 10 polyps that were removed from my colon were **ALL** benign, **PRAISE GOD**. I'm praying **DAILY** for 24 saints who have some type of cancer. The Union Rescue Mission had a dinner for all volunteers. I've been ministering there for 27½ years. Willie Jordan & her son Tom honored me (at the Thanksgiving feeding of thousands) for all the years of service there. For years, Mrs. Jordan had me do an hour Bible Study for the men in the Spiritual Growth program & then the hour chapel service. I'm there every Tuesday but the 1st Tuesday (L.A. Co. Jail). Mrs. Jordan wants me to do an additional two hour Bible study for the men on the 1st Thursday. All of the Skid Row services were blessed & well attended. I put up my **CHRIST-mas** decorations a week before Thanksgiving & will leave them up till January 14. It took 7 hrs... Jesus & me. My homes Bible Studies have been well attended.

Another blessing this month was a service at Wayside Jail for Deputy Bates, a man of God who is the head of a wonderful program that Sheriff Baca is behind 100%.

There were 160 at my service & I committed to minister there anytime Deputy Bates calls. Execuprint, my printers for my flyers, newsletters & Arsenal Prayers, who are Egyptians for **CHRIST** blessed me by not charging for my newsletters & Arsenal Prayers. They are & have always been a blessing to me. If you need excellent printing work done, contact them at 818-993-8184 & ask for Michael or B, brothers, or Amin & Esther, parents.

As we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you & your loved ones a truly Merry **CHRIST-mas**. Sadly, for most people, "**CHRIST**" will be missing from this years "**CHRISTMAS**." This is a trend I find alarming & sickening. The 30 year Hollywood Christmas Parade is now the Hollywood "Santa" Parade. When someone says, "Happy Holidays, Mel," I say, "I don't receive that. It is Merry **CHRIST-mas**! How could you take **JESUS CHRIST** out of Christmas?"

The greater we understand the person & nature of **JESUS**, the less willing we will be to compromise on **CHRIST** being the reason for the season. **JESUS HAS ALWAYS EXISTED!** (John 1:1). Before the foundation of the world, **JESUS** was with **GOD** the **FATHER & GOD** the **HOLY SPIRIT** as a member of the **GODHEAD**. Micah, writing 700 years before **CHRIST** came, prophesied the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem; at the same time, the prophet spoke of **HIS** existence long before birth (Micah 5:2). **JESUS**, the eternal **SON** of **GOD**, had no beginning but was with the **FATHER** since eternity past & will be **LORD** throughout eternity future.

John 1:3 teaches that **JESUS** created everything that exists. **JESUS** did **NOT** become **GOD**, but rather, has always been **GOD**. We know that at the Incarnation, He became man (Phil. 2:6-8). He came to Earth & took on human flesh in order to live among us, reveal the **FATHER** & offer **HIS** perfect life an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **JESUS** made many **CLEAR** statements in the Gospels about **HIS** divine identity (Luke 22:70; John 8:58; 10:30; 14:7; 17:24).

The fact is, **JESUS** left so much solid evidence of **HIS** deity that we should believe everything **HE** said (John 10:27, 28; Matt. 28:18; John 14:6; John 14:9). Given the reality that **JESUS** is **GOD**, isn't it amazing that it has become politically correct to remove **HIM** from Christmas? **JESUS** is the **ONE** who gives all society every breath. They rebel against the **GOD** who loves them. No peace, no joy, no hope without Him. **HOW BLIND THE WORLD IS!!!** (2 Cor. 4:4)

**CHRIST-mas** is the celebration of a person, a living **PERSON WHO** loves us & who died for us so that we might have eternal life. **CHRIST-mas** is **JESUS**. I will never forget it & I will never back away from it. "**MERRY CHRIST-mas**."

Until next month, may **GOD** bless you & to you who send **LOVE** offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majesty's Service,