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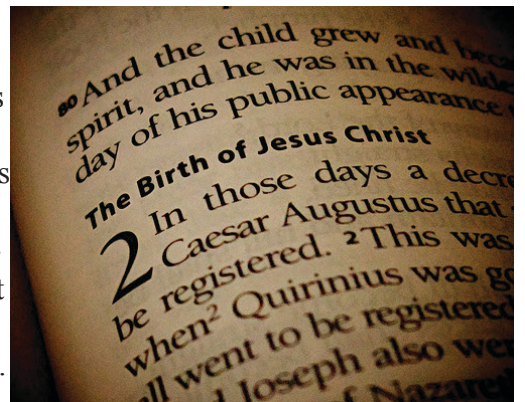
Dear Covenant Brothers and Sisters in Jesus:

May the Spirit of Jesus dwell in your Christmas celebration this year. The staff here at Gospel Tract Society, Tom and Shirley, my wife Christine and I pray for you and wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. This is truly a blessed season as we gather with loved ones and friends to worship God and praise His mighty name for sending His Son Jesus to be born a man so that He could fulfill the first covenant made with Abram which opened the door for our salvation and a new covenant of adoption into His family as first born children.

There seems to be more and more fear and turmoil over this earth, and the very ground itself is restless as it awaits the soon coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Please don't allow our enemy, the god of this world, to overshadow your spirit to worship our God our Father, but rather, let your Godly life and His image shine forth in Love, Peace, and Compassion this wonderful season of rejoicing. ***In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the Glorious Gospel of Jesus, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them.***
2 Corinthians 4:4.

One of our family traditions (as is in most Christian families) is the reading of the birth of Jesus from one of the Gospels. I have fond memories of those early Christmas mornings as dad would gather all of us together near the Christmas tree (well, we were already there waiting for him) and opening up his Bible and reading the Christmas scriptures to us, before we became distracted by the gifts under the tree. Christine and I have continued this tradition, and now we are so pleased that the reading of this timeless story is now carried on by our children and grandchildren.

Oh, thank You Father for my Christian heritage! A few years ago our youngest granddaughter offered to read about the birth of Jesus before we handed out our gifts. I opened up one of my Bibles and handed it to her. She looked at the verses in Matthew, wrinkled her forehead, looked at me, and again at the Bible. I had to start laughing as she had been given a Spanish version of the Bible to read. It was quickly replaced with a King James Version, in which she promptly read out loud about His birth. To tell you the truth, we were really surprised that she could read the Bible so well at her tender young age. My heart was made proud that the tradition that Dad started so many years ago was being passed down to another generation. The seeds that we plant today will be the trees of tomorrow. Now this young lady has a heart and passion for missions. The seed is still growing.



In these last days, we need to hold on to the values of righteousness that we have been taught. If the memories of your Christmas childhood were not those of going to church or worshiping God, be sure that you worship God and pass down that appreciation of the birth of God's Son to the next generation that will follow in your footsteps. You may think that your words are not heard by your children or grandchildren. Make no mistake that your words are seeds in their hearts, and sooner or later, those words (seeds) will take root and grow. One of the most common prayer requests we receive is for a family member that has fallen out of fellowship with God and is listening to the lies of the enemy. Remember that ***the steps of a righteous person are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he may fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hands,*** Psalm 37:23-24. Never give up hope for a lost or straying loved one. Paul wrote in Hebrews 11:1, ***Now faith is the substance of things HOPED for, the evidence of things not seen.*** Never, but never, let your hope for the restoring of a family member die. Your Hope, and prayers, may be the only elements of faith that will bring them to the Lord. Your prayers will NEVER die, but are always before the Lord. It is your faith in our Lord that through prayer our family, the world, has hope. ***Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all of your heart,*** Jeremiah 29:12-13. Hope is not wishing. Hope is based upon God's Word. If His Word says that we can have it, then He has given us His authority to bring it to pass using our Hope, which releases our Faith to accomplish that which He has ordained. The Power to bring your prayers to completion is contained within His Words that we pray. We get His faith from His Word. ***The Word of God will not return to him void. So shall My Word be that goes forth out of My Mouth; It shall not return unto Me void, but it will accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it,*** Isaiah 55:11.

We encourage you to have that sweet time with the Lord, in His Word and in conversation with Him every day, if you are not already spending time with Him. It is our responsibility as Christians to prepare the way of the Lord in our family and in this world by knowing His Word and being a Light of His Love to shine brighter than the sun. The One that we serve and shine forth to our family is the One John spoke of in Revelation 5:6-12, ***I beheld in the midst of the throne ... stood a Lamb as it had been slain ... and He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne, and when He had taken the book ... they sung a new song, saying, Thou are worthy to take***

the book and open it ... I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne ... and the elders and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing.

Oh, what a blessing, what a privilege to serve and worship the living Lord! What a privilege to Honor Jesus by celebrating His Birth.

*Dear Heavenly Father, we enter into your presence with praise and thanksgiving. We worship you Father, as we celebrate the Birth of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. May we be found worthy of Your fellowship. May we be found working for You, looking to the Eastern sky for Your soon coming Son. Father, fill our earthen vessels full and fresh with your Holy Spirit, so that people are drawn to You and Your Son. Fill us with Your truth, wisdom, knowledge, and faith as we read and study Your Word. Cause our actions and words to be Your actions and words. Help us to promote Your Spirit of Love this season. Father, draw my nation unto You by Your Holy Spirit. Bless, lead, and protect all of those that are in authority over us, that we might live in your peace. We thank you for your Son, for this season of celebration. We thank You for Your labors working in the harvest field. We thank You that You have called us to be Your children, Your Covenant Friends;
In the name of Jesus Christ, Whose I am and Whom I serve;
Amen.*

New Seasonal Tracts

In this Christmas letter you'll find some new tracts for the upcoming special days, **Valentine's Day**, **Saint Patrick's Day**, and **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**. Be sure to order your tracts early to have them on hand to send to your friends and handout to those you meet.

Your Year End Gifts

Remember that your Love Gift to Gospel Tract Society needs to be postmarked on or before December 31, 2014 to receive a tax-deductible receipt for your 2014 tax return. This year of 2014 has brought many trials and challenges, and in those times we have seen the Hand of God move in wonderful ways. We are thankful for all of the victories we have seen and are looking forward to 2015 and the leading of the Holy Spirit to sow more seeds for our Lord. Please keep Gospel Tract Society in your prayers, asking our Lord to lead us in His direction and bless us in His prosperity.

It's not too late to order

It's not too late to order the new Bible based "Activity and Coloring Book," "The Amazing Gospel" comic book, and the "The Amazing Gospel" comic coloring book, for the holidays. We have been sending them out one at a time and by the box loads. We strive to keep our shelves stocked with the tracts that you want and need to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ without delay.

Mission Field Needs

Please remember the needs that we support in the mission field. If you can, please send a special offering to give the orphans a little extra gift this Christmas season.

Bibles Are Still in Demand by the Prisoners

What a wonderful gift of the Word of God to give someone imprisoned this year with a brand new Bible. We can only supply their need for Bibles as you help supply our need to keep our shelves stocked and pay the postage for these heavy books.

Thank you

Again we want to thank you for supporting this tract ministry with your prayers this past year. We know that we could not continue walking down God's chosen path were it not for your prayers and support. May My God richly pour out His Blessing on everything you think, do, and say in the upcoming year of 2015. We don't know what changes or challenges the New Year will bring, but we do know Who is leading us with His Flag waving high above our citadel, and fortress for He is our Shepherd, our Lord and King, Jesus Christ!

Yours in the name of Jesus, God's Risen Son;

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Christine, my wonderful wife of over 40 years, and I celebrating Christmas at home.

