



**\*He Is Savior, Acts 4:12**

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## **H.I.S. Ministries December 2015 Newsletter, covering November 2015**

*May you have a Blessed Christmas as you celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus, when God became a man.* (John 1:1, 14).

*We wish you also a Happy New Year, as we wait for His coming “from heaven with a shout... and with the Trumpet of God.”* (1 Thess. 4:16.)

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**About two thousand years ago God’s Announcement about His Son’s coming was heard:**

*“... the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto the city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what kind of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.”* (Luke 1:26-38.)

**We have tried to imagine Mary’s thoughts after this angel’s announcement to her. That is perhaps what prompted writing of this song that we have grown to love, “*Mary, Did You Know?*” - Words of this song:**

*“Mary did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you’ve delivered will soon deliver you.*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?*

*And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.*

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.*

*The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the lamb---*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?*

*Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?*

*This sleeping child you're holding is the Great I AM?"*

***"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptations, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."***(2 Timothy 1:15.)

God's promises given to Mary by the angel Gabriel, and the promises God has given through His entire Word to those who seek Him, are applicable to all believers in Jesus. (John 3:16.) He came to save sinners (Lev. 17:11; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 9:13b) and we thank God for His infinite love that was demonstrated on that Cross where He took our sins on Himself and died to save all who come to Him in faith and receive His Gift of Grace. (Eph. 2:8-9.). We are now waiting for this promise of His coming to rule the nations from the Throne of David, in Jerusalem. He will come soon and be not only the King of Israel, but the King of Kings of the Whole World.

The important question to all is: Who is Jesus Christ to you? The Bible makes it clear that whether we acknowledge Him now or not, everyone must one day stand before Him and answer that question, and acknowledge that He is the LORD. (Phil. 2:9-11.)

The answers to all our questions about who He is are given to us in His Word; the most importantly that He is God. (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1, 14; 8:23-24, 58; 20:28.)

He is the Creator of everything, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made...and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.*" (John 1:1-4, 14.) "*In Him was life*", i.e. He is the source of life.

He Himself did not have a beginning, for *He is God*. If a thing, anything, was made or created, He did it. There are no exceptions.

Paul reminds us of these facts: "*For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.*" (Col.1:16-17.) He is the Creator of the universe and everything in it. He came to this earth and laid aside His heavenly glory to become our Savior and Lord, "...*being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross*" (Phil. 2:8), and as was prophesied, He did not lay aside His power as the Creator even though He had become a man for our sake. (John 7:31.) He was 100% God and 100% man. As a man He became weary and hungry and He needed food and rest, just as we do. He was tested in the wilderness, but He did not yield to temptation. The purpose of His temptation was to prove that He would not sin. No sinful desires, lusts or passions could originate in Him, for He is God. In other words, even though He had become a man, He never ceased to be the Creator God. There were many occasions where He demonstrated that. He stilled the storm on the Sea of Galilee (Matt. 8:23-27). He stood up in the boat and gave an order that instantly calmed the sea. The wind and sea had to obey Him for He had created them.

He fed 5000 and 4000 people, plus women and children. It was not a "magical trick" as some have supposed! As He blessed and broke the bread and fish, He multiplied them by creating more, and then

giving them to His disciples to distribute to multitude. They all marveled. Even the *left-overs* filled 12 baskets! (Matt.14:17-20; 15:32-38.)

Jesus healed a man born blind. (John 9:1-7, 32.) This man could see instantly and understand what he was seeing, meaning that this man's brain could immediately recognize things he had never seen before. Another miracle of creation.

Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding in Cana. During the marriage feast they run out of wine. [Wine in the scriptures often speaks of joy.] Jesus' mother, who was among the guests, knew that He could do a needed miracle, and thus she said to the servants, "*Whatsoever He says to you to do, do.*" Jesus said, "*Fill the waterpots with water, and they filled them up to the brim.*" He then asked them to draw from them and take it to the Master of the Feast for tasting. When the Master of the Feast had tasted the water made into wine, and knew not that it was from drawn from the waterpots (only the servants knew), and he deemed it more excellent than the wine they had first served and wondered *why the best wine had been saved for last* – as the custom was that the best wine was served first, "*and when men have well drunk, then that which was worse.*" (John 2:1-10.) The Master in charge of the Feast was fully aware that making good wine takes time. (Grapes have to be harvested and crushed, then fermented, and when ready, bottled.) The Master of the Feast assumed that this is what had taken place and that there had been *a hidden supply of good wine to be served later.*

Turning water instantly into wine is a miracle of creation. Water (hydrogen and oxygen), at Jesus' command, instantly became wine (complex organic molecules) that normally takes time to ferment and be made ready.

Jesus did this and many other miracles to meet the present need, be it calming a sea and wind, or providing food for the thousands, or wine at the feast.

We know that it takes years to grow a tree that bears fruit, and a season for a garden to produce a harvest, or harvested grapes becoming fermented wine. But when we read of God's original creation in Genesis, we see that He created everything already mature - trees that had fruit on them when they were created, immediately providing food for Adam and Eve.

When we read of Jesus' miracles reported in the Bible, we have no problem of believing that He is the Same One who spoke the world and everything in it into existence, just as John 1:1-3 says. However, the Genesis account of creation is not about our salvation – though the Savior was promised to us there (Gen. 3:15) through the "*seed of a woman*", after our first parents had sinned.

The One who became our Savior is the same One who *created all*. We must come to know and believe that He is the Great I AM. He said, "*If ye believe not that I AM He, ye shall die in your sins.*" (John 8:24, 58.) That He is our Creator who became a man is proven through His power to perform miracles. He proved His love by dying for our sins on the cross of Calvary (John 19:30) and promising that all *who receive Him* are born again and *will become sons of God*. (John 1:12; 3:3, 7.)

The entrance of sin into the world came through Satan's subtle suggestion to Eve that what God has said about death is not true. (Gen. 3:4; 2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15.) By saying that, Satan charged God for lying. The Devil has been attacking God's Word and its trustworthiness ever since. We too, almost daily, get letters from people who are saying that the Bible is not correct, but full of contradictions and errors.

The judgment of God on human sin will be in relation to His Word. Jesus said, "*He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in that last day.*" (John 12:48.) Jesus also said, "*There is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom you trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me.*" (John 5:45-46.) Thus Jesus tells us that the Old Testament together with the New Testament is all God's Word, and it will be the witness against unbelieving mankind at the Great White Throne judgment. We need to keep in mind that as *the root of sin is unbelief in the Person and work of the Savior*, revealed to us in the Bible, the Word of God also brings repentance which leads to forgiveness and salvation to all who believe His Word. Jesus Himself is the WORD and the TRUTH, personified. (John 1:1, 14; 14:6.) When people attack or reject the Word of God, they attack and reject Jesus who is the Word.

***“For unto us a Child is born, unto us the Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.”*** (Isaiah 9:6.)

***“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** (1 Thess. 5:23.)

***“And the Spirit and the bride say, COME...Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”*** (Rev. 22:17, 20.)

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***“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and unto His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.”*** (Ps. 100:4.)

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### **From our mailbox:**

A man investigating Mormonism was wondering if baptism for the dead should be a Christian doctrine since it is mentioned in 1 Cor. 15:29. He asked: *Are Mormons correct in practicing it?*

[We get similar questions/arguments from Mormons, and even from Christians who are wondering why Paul in 1 Corinthians is mentioning it **if it is not doctrine?**]

I have answered this many times before, but repeating why the Bible actually is saying something about “*dead being baptized*”, might be good to discover by even those who have not wondered about it.

[We have been teaching our *Understanding Mormonism* classes during the last 5 weeks and this question came up there too, reminding that it is very often questioned by many Christians as well.]

**His question:** *“Please explain baptism for the dead practiced by the Mormon Church. They say that it is taught in 1 Cor. 15:29 and in 1 Pet. 3:18-21 and 4:6.”*

[It was the baptism for the dead that motivated me (Rauni) to convert to Mormonism since my parents and grandparents were dead and I did not know what their spiritual condition was when they died.]

**I will explain this LDS teaching,** and what the Bible says about it (my reply may seem a bit lengthy, but it is very important to understand this so that you can help others also).

**The LDS Church teaches** baptism for the dead and *missionary work* beyond the grave.

They teach that when the *faithful Mormons* die, they go to **Paradise**. There they are paired up, “*two-by-two*”, as living missionaries are here, and they go together to **Spirit Prison** (“hell”) to teach the Mormon gospel to those who had not heard of it, and if a dead person there accepts it, and **after his/her baptism and other ordinance works** are performed in a Mormon temple by proxy for him/her, then they **can be released from Spirit Prison (hell) and go to Paradise and there wait for the last judgment.**

**The Bible teaches** that before the death and resurrection of Christ, there were two places where the spirits of the dead were housed – 1. “*Abraham’s bosom*” (*Paradise*) for those who were believers in God, and 2. “*A place of torment*” or “*Hades*” (*hell*) for those who died as unbelievers. (See **Luke 16:19-31**). In Luke 16, verse 26, Jesus says, “*...there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come thence.*” This shows that “*missionary work*” that Mormons claim they are doing beyond the grave, **is impossible – they cannot cross the great gulf!**

[Note that **after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus to heaven,** believers’ spirits will instantly, at the time of death, go to be with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8), but unbelievers spirits are still housed in “*a place of torment*”, “*Hades*”, waiting there for their judgment. (Rev. 20:11-15.)]

The Mormon Church **ignores** what Jesus said in Luke 16:19-31, and instead refer to 1 Cor. 15:29, where **Paul only asked a question** *why some were baptized for the dead, while they did not even believe in*

resurrection? Paul did not, nor did any disciple of Christ, teach baptism for the dead – nor did they practice it. Baptism for the dead is not even hinted anywhere in the Bible as something that should be done. **In 1 Corinthians 15 the topic is resurrection of the dead** (not baptism), for there had come some teachers *who did not believe in physical resurrection at all, even if they believed in life after death*. This chapter became known as “*a resurrection chapter*”, and it starts with a **declaration what the gospel is, i.e. that the Gospel that saves is the message of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus** (verses 1-4). Baptism is not a “*saving ordinance*”, as some believe. **It is Christ alone that saves by what He did for us – and that is the Gospel that saves, as 15:1-4 declares**. Paul was not often baptizing anyway. He actually thanked God that he had only baptized two men (1 Cor. 1:14). He also said, **“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are the saved, it is the power of God.”** (1 Cor. 1:17-18.) **It is the message of the cross (i.e. what took place on the cross) that is mandatory to believe for salvation!**

[Even though baptism is not a saving ordinance, we ought to be baptized as a visual **testimony of our faith in Christ and that the gospel is a message of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection**. Paul wrote: **“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him in baptism into death: that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”** (Romans 6:3-4.)]

**Mormons, to promote the LDS doctrine of “work for the dead”, also quote 1 Peter 3:18-21, that says: “For Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the times of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”**

[“**Preached**” here is in Greek “*kerusso*”, which means “**to announce, herald or publish**”. But when **preaching the gospel that saves** (the living), the New Testament uses another Greek word, “*euaggelizo*”, the same word from which we get our English word “**evangelize**”. Our English Bible has not differentiated the words, but translates the Greek word that means “**to announce**” as well as “**to evangelize**” with the same word, “**preach**”. **Jesus did not go to evangelize the dead** (or to offer them a second chance), **but He went to “announce” that His salvation work is now finished. He had given His life for all who believe, and that those who had died as believers, will be taken to heaven to wait there for their resurrection.** If we’d just use the right word, “**announce**” (v.19), we would understand this better.]

**The Mormon “explanation” is** that while Christ’s body was in the grave, He went and **preached the gospel** [i.e. LDS gospel] to those who were dead, **offering them a second chance to be saved**.

**What this passage means** (1 Pet. 3:18-21), **when reading it in the entire context of Peter’s letter, is that salvation was already preached through the Spirit of God to these people when they were alive** (see 1 Peter 1:10-11), i.e. **generations of Noah’s time** (Gen. 6:3). God was patient, “*long-suffering*”, with them. Noah preached to them 120 years while he was building *the Ark*. But they did not repent.

Peter is here writing to Jewish believers who were engulfed in the pagan world around them. He reminded them of **God’s long-suffering**, and also of God’s eventual judgment, by giving a reference to **Christ’s ministry to the antediluvian generation through Noah**. **Christ, by the Spirit of God, went and “announced” to these same spirits who were disobedient during the time of Noah** (v.20), that what was promised **is now finished**: **Christ’s death has brought salvation to all who believed while they were alive. The outward figure or picture of salvation in Christ, who is the True Ark, is water baptism. It is water that separated righteous from the sinners of Noah’s day – and saved those who were in the Ark. The same is true with us. The Ark, which represented Savior, saved them as He now saves us who believe. Thus baptism is for those**

**who ARE SAVED.** (I.e. baptism itself does not save, for it is our faith in Him that saves us.) (Eph. 2:8-9.) **The Ark is used as a figure – and it, as a picture, separates believers from unbelievers.** Christ alone can save, and that by the fact that He was resurrected (Rom. 4:25). The result is “...*the answer of good conscience toward God*”, which comes when we understand that **Christ’s blood has removed our sin.** (Hebr. 9:14; 1 John 1:7; Lev. 17:11.)

**The Mormon Church uses also 1 Peter 4:6 as a promise for the second chance for salvation,** though it says, “*For this cause was the gospel preached to the dead [i.e. when they were still alive] that they might be judged according to men in flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.*” “*Preached*” here in Greek is “*euaggelizo*”, the word from which we get our English word, “*evangelize*”. It means *to preach, to declare the “good news”*. **This good news WAS PREACHED to them when they were still alive!**

**The Bible’s clear teaching is that this life is when we have to make our decision for salvation.** “*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this [life] the judgment.*” (Hebr. 9:27.)

Joshua 24:15 urged, “*choose you this day whom ye will serve.*” Hebr. 3:7 says, - “*Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts...*” We have no guarantees of tomorrow...we do not know that we will even have tomorrow...but *the moment we die, our destiny is fixed.*

What Peter is saying here (1 Pet. 4:6), **he already had explained in 1 Peter 1:10-11 and 3:18-20,** namely that **Christ had preached the good news through the Old Testament prophets to those who are NOW dead.** He did not go to Hades and offer a second chance to the dead! Because unregenerate man must face God’s judgment, **the gospel** (the salvation message) **had been preached also to those who are now dead.** Anyone who believes the gospel of salvation, even if he be judged in this life by men, he will live in spirit according to the will of God.

(Paul writes in Romans 1:19-20 that men do not desire to know God even when they could.) All who have not believed nor received the gospel message into their hearts **are spiritually dead even while still physically alive.** **We must be born again to make us spiritually alive in Christ** (John 3:3, 7) **and thus children of God.** (John 1:12.)

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### **An LDS man wrote:**

*“The Bible gives contradicting accounts of Paul’s experience on the road to Damascus. (Acts 9:3-7 and in Acts 22:6-9.) That must mean that the Bible is in error, even if not in both accounts, then at least in one of the accounts.”* (This is also a very common question/argument we often receive.)

### **Explanation of Paul’s encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus:**

**Acts 9:3-7.** Verse 7, “*And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.*”

**Acts 22:6-9.** Verse 9, “*And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.*” The word in Greek is “*akouo*” which means, in various senses, either a voice that “*comes to ears*”, or they “*hear noise*” or “*understand*”.

The grammatical case is different in these accounts: **9:7**, “*hearing*”, the genitive case, **acknowledges a source where the voice came from** (a male voice), and **22:9**, “*heard*”, is the accusative case, indicating that they did not “*hear*” it as intelligible speech (i.e. they did not understand what was said), but still in both cases the **voice is identified as a male voice, even if it was to them just “a noise”, or words they did not understand.** I hope this helps.

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We had a very good group of 20+ people attending last 5 Sundays in our *Understanding Mormonism* classes. Jeffrey Gullickson offered his home for a place to have them since Calvary Chapel’s classrooms were all taken for the day-time teaching and due to my health problem, we couldn’t commit to evening classes.

We promised to continue to teach the remaining 4-5 classes after the holidays, starting in January. We are not sure of the date yet, for it depends on my Thyroid surgery that is tentatively planned to take place after the first

of the year. If for some reason I am not able to teach, we could use our video-taped teachings for these 4-5 classes that are on DVD. In that case, we both can still be there and answer questions that may come up.

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**We thank you for praying for this work that we have been doing now for over 30 years.** Your assistance, both in prayers and financially, has been what keeps us going. We have seen many come, not just *out of Mormonism*, but most importantly, to the saving knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ of the Bible. We have been blessed to see that the membership in the coming *Kingdom of our Lord* is growing even from Utah, even while the world around is getting more and more turbulent.

Those who militantly demand “tolerance” and “freedom from religion” are the most intolerant of Christians and Christianity. **It makes us wonder why in a society that is tolerant of virtually every deviant behavior and bizarre conduct imaginable, would want to campaign to destroy people’s faith in Christ Jesus, who brings love and peace to all who commit to Him and follow Him.**

He was a Child of God’s promise to mankind, destined to be a King of a very different kind. **He will return to take His earthly throne in a literal Millennial Kingdom. Until He comes, He reigns in the hearts and lives of believers in Him the world over.** He fulfilled every hope-sustaining promise given to believers in God’s Word. **His promises are peace, even in the midst of trouble. We have comfort and security in Him. He promised never to leave us and when we exit this world, we have a perfect home with Him in heaven. This is possibly the most troublesome time that we have been through in our lifetime. It effects all parts of our lives, but still we must remember that we, who are His Bride, and waiting for His return, have a reason to be hopeful of our future and remain confident of His care.**

**When we left Mormonism three decades ago, and the world around us crumbled, we committed ourselves to His service and His care, and we can affirm that His promises are true and He is faithful.**(1 Thess. 5:24.) **He has taken care of our every need, and we also thank the Lord that our needs diminished when our values changed. “But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”** (Phil 4:19.)

Since that time there has been nothing as important to us as the Lord, being in His will, serving Him, and seeking those whom He would that be *the saved*. (1 Tim. 2:4-5.) There are many right now who are very close to receiving God’s grace, but they still lack courage to step totally out of Mormonism, which often means loosing their family and friends, and for some even their livelihood.

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**We want to express our deepest appreciation to everyone of you who has helped in our ministry in spite of your own trials in these economically tough times. Without your assistance it would have been impossible for us to supply the needs of those seeking information and materials that provides it.** Postal costs and even new postal requirements of envelop sizes etc., regardless of the weight, have made a huge difference in our already tight budget, but we are doing the best we can. **We are confident that the Lord indeed knows what we need to do this work which is HIS work.**

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We thank you for praying with us for Judy who has been in University of Utah Hospital for almost 2 months. She went in for bleeding in her brain, and was operated twice in 3 days without success, and which resulted in strokes that caused her left side to be paralyzed. She was, after a week, moved from ICU to Physical Therapy to see if the effects of her stokes could be reversed. There has been some success through therapy, and her own hard work and determination to be well. A week ago they were planning on sending her home to wait for another month before attempting to continue with necessary surgery for the bleeding in her brain was threatening her eyesight. God obviously stepped in, for the best neuro-surgeon in the country came to this hospital - just for a short period of time. Judy’s doctors consulted with him and he agreed to do the surgery – and praise God, he did it and **it was a success**. Our prayers have been answered and Judy has stood strong in her faith in the Lord, and we are sure that it had been a great witness to her LDS family members. We continue to pray for her that she will soon be walking. We pray that her son, daughter, son-in-law, and her LDS sisters will

wake up and see that the Lord is faithful when we depend on Him. This was indeed a miracle that only the Lord could bring to pass. Please pray that her healing will continue without further problems. In just a short time we have seen other miracles of God's healing. You all have prayed for Caryl Matrisciana and deadly cancers she had, and she is healed. Sandy and Al Herter have likewise been healed of serious illnesses. Many others have had big improvements in their health problems. We praise the Lord for always hearing as we pray according to His will. (1 John 5:14-15.)

We ask for your continuous prayers for Dale, who is paralyzed from the neck down, and strength for his care-taker wife, Sharon. Please remember to pray also for Dick and Patti, Max and Pat and Merridy, Lisa, Jasmine and little 2-year old Liam who burned his fingers badly. Prayer is also needed for various needs and trials that Tom, Dave, Florence, Suzi, David, Bruce and Heber are experiencing. The Lord knows what their needs are, all we need to do is to mention their names in our prayers. We ask that you join us in prayer for our children and grandchildren. We praise the Lord for given them to us.

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**Dennis and I are having our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. God has been good to us by giving us 50 great years together – over 30 of them in the Service of The Lord – and continuing till He comes.**

**The Bible does not give retirement plans for His servants. Moses did not even get started till he was 80! That gives us hope of at least 10 more years in HIS Ministry – unless, of course, He comes to snatch us all to Him and out from here. (1 Thess. 4:16-18.) ☺**

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**We pray the Lord's blessings of love and peace to you and yours during this Christmas Season and coming New Year, 2016.**

In His service,

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**Something to think about: "Christmas is NOT about gifts. Christmas is NOT about decorating your house. Christmas is NOT about parties. Christmas is the day each year that we set aside to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is HIS birthday. THAT is what Christmas is all about, celebrating the birth of our Lord." (Bill Keller.)**

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