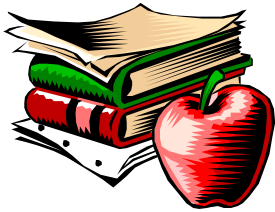


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“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Proverbs 7:2

Matthew 5:6

John 8:32

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Greetings



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the December issue of Hunger For Truth. This is the time of year where many celebrate the birth of our precious Savior who has come to seek and to save that which is lost (Luke 19:10)

I want to wish each and every one of you a very **Merry Christmas** and a

Happy New Year!

See the “Special Interest Articles” section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

Also, please note that back issues of the newsletter are available to view, print or save at www.studytoanswer.net.

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God’s precious Holy Word.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)

The Gift of God (By: A.P.D.)

“Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable GIFT” (II Cor. 9:15) This is the season of the year when most folks begin to think about others. The spirit of giving pervades the thinking of multitudes, but few stop to ask themselves the question, “Why is this the season for giving”? The real reason for giving is that we are commemorating the great truth, that God gave His Son, Heaven’s best for an

undeserving, ungrateful sinful world.

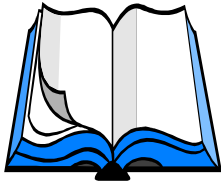
But multitudes will give little or no concern to the Person whose birth is being remembered at this blessed season. The hearts of the vast majority will be enthralled with the tinsel, the festivities, the commercial exchange, the family get together, the giving and receiving of gifts and the other passing fancies of the

holiday season, much more than they will be concerned with the Blessed Saviour, who came from Heaven to earth that He might give His life a ransom for sinners.

The hustle and bustle of our day is simply a 21st century rendition of that night many years ago when the Christ-child was born of the Virgin Mary, and laid in the manger in the stable behind the Inn in Bethlehem. We read in Luke 2:7”...



The Gift of God (continued)



Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

John 8:32

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

...there was no room for them in the Inn”. Crowds thronged the city of Bethlehem that first Christmas as they converged upon the little city in those days to register for taxation and renew old acquaintances. That night was about to have a great and eternal significance!

Oh the mystery of that night, that the Almighty God, Creator of the Heavens and Earth should manifest Himself in a tiny bundle of flesh; that the Creator should come to die at the hands of the creature, that He might redeem them to Himself. My friend, have you received God’s gift? Do you know Christ as your Saviour?

I. God’s Gift is Free

We read in Eph. 2:8-9, “For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” Man seems always to give with an expectancy of receiving in

return, but God gives lovingly, and freely to poor wretched, destitute sinners who are utterly incapable of giving anything in return.

II. God’s Gift is Full

By FULL we mean God’s gift is satisfying. In John 4:10 we find Jesus talking to a poor, sinful woman who had searched her whole life for satisfaction, happiness and fulfillment, but her search was in vain until she met Jesus Christ, God’s Gift. Hear our Lord as He says, “If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him and He would have given thee living water.” In vs. 14 Jesus said, “whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.”

Sometimes we receive a gift at Christmas that doesn’t suit our taste, or that we have no use for, yet out of courtesy we accept it. But this is not true of God’s gift; it perfectly and forever

satisfies all who receive it, the gift being God’s Dear Son.

III. God’s Gift is Forever

In Romans 6:23 we read, “For the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord.” All of our Christmas gifts will ultimately pass away; they grow old and useless and have to be replaced. The newness soon wears off, the excitement soon dwindles and the gift soon becomes common-place. Not so with God’s gift...it is eternal. The excitement of living for Christ never wears out. Salvation is always a blessed and exciting experience that grows sweeter every day, and every day we live draws us nearer to our heavenly home.

My friend have you received God’s GIFT? Why not make this the best Christmas season you have ever known by receiving Christ as your personal Saviour?

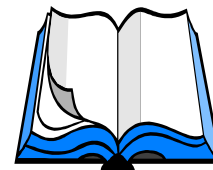
7 Suggestions for Success in Prayer

1. Take time to pray (Ps. 55:17; Daniel 6:10)
2. Be definite in your prayer
3. Be persevering (Keep on believing!)
4. Be scriptural
5. Keep the heart singing
6. Keep the will yielding (NO give me!)
7. Keep Christ 1st place in your life (Coll. 1:18)



The Wise Men

1. They were wise because of how they sought God’s will for their lives.
2. They came from the east to Jerusalem in a caravan. (possibly Babylon area)
3. They believed by faith and obedience to God.
4. They worshipped Jesus...NOT Mary!
5. They saw the Star (a symbol of the Holy Spirit) who brings us to and magnifies Christ.
6. They knew Christ was from old and from everlasting. They saw His deity.



☺ Children For Christ ☺

“Being a Spirit Filled Christian”

II Timothy 3:16-17

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:9 – “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

When you trusted Christ as Savior, the Holy Spirit immediately came into your heart and life and helps you everyday to live a life for God. This Lesson will help you understand more about the Holy Spirit and how to be a Spirit filled Christian

1. Read John 16:13 and fill in the blank: The _____ guides you into all truth and shows you things to _____.

2. To be filled with the Spirit we need to: (fill in the blanks)

P_____ Y often and daily (1 Thes. 5:17)

Go to C_____ H (Heb. 10:25)

Read the B_____ E everyday (Psalm 1:2)

M_____ E verses (Proverbs 15:28)

Be a good W_____ S for the Lord (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19-20)

Do good W_____ S as the Spirit leads us (John 16:13; James 2:18)

F_____ R the Lord with obedience and faith to Him (Isa. 11:2-3; Prov. 23:17)

Note: These are just a few verses for each of these 7 things a Spirit filled Christian does. See if you can find more. 3. If we are living in the Spirit, the results are listed in Ephesians 5:19-20. Read this passage and write the results below:

4. Fill in the blank(s) in these verses: (YES! You can use your Bible for this)

Psalm 119:9: Wherewithal shall a young _____cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy _____.

Eph. 4:22: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the _____, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

1 John 3:8-9: He that committeth _____ is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might _____ the works of the _____. Whosoever is born of _____ doth not commit _____; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

James 4:5-7: Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to _____? But he giveth more _____. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the _____, but giveth grace unto the _____. Submit yourselves therefore to _____. Resist the devil, and he will _____ from you.

5. Write down at least 4 prayer requests on a piece of paper and pray for each one carefully. (People you know, needs you have, etc.) (if more space is needed use the other side)

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Hebrews 4:12

“ For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



Quotes of The Month

(Sources Unknown)

“Christians don’t tell lies, they just sing them.”

“Eternal life is in the blood of Christ. Without it you will die.”

“Do this and live the law commands, but gives me neither feet nor hands. A better word the gospel brings. It bids me fly and gives me wings.”

“Be so filled with the Spirit that if a mosquito bit you, it would fly away singing There is Power in the Blood.”

Favorite Quotes From Our Forefathers

“The right to freedom being the gift of the Almighty...the rights of the colonists as Christians...may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institutions of The Great Law Giver and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament.

-By Samuel Adams (1722-1803)



Born To Die *(Author unknown)*

I Think that I can almost see that small Judean town, That night, over two thousand years ago when Christ the Lord came down.

The inn, the shops, the flat-topped homes, where weary pilgrims slept, the nearby softly-rolling hills where fleecy flocks were kept.

And then I think I see the sky aglow with heavenly light as angel messengers proclaim: “The Christ is born tonight.”

I see the shepherds hasten to where the baby lay—a stable bare, a manger bed—But “God with us” that day.

And when I think of

Bethlehem, I think of Calvary, a lonely hill, a rugged cross, a death of agony.

For He, the Babe of Bethlehem, was born, His life to give. And willingly He gave His life that you and I might live.

Blessed Christmas Lamb *W.L (Bill) Winstead*

Blessed Christmas Lamb
Precious Holy Child
Born in a manger low
So pure, so meek, so mild.

Blessed Christmas Lamb
Precious Holy Child
Born to Calvary go
God and man to reconcile

Blessed Christmas Lamb
Precious Holy Child
Born that all men might
know the one true God,
Holy, Undeified

Song of the Month – “Christmas In Your Heart”



This song was written by Ron Hamilton and is commonly sung at this time of year. This song shows we should have Christmas in our hearts not just in December but year round.

Jesus came to earth and laid aside His princely crown. Came to His creation, yet a room could not be found. At this special time of year the call is heard anew. Will you hear His pleading voice? Let Christ be born in you.

(Chorus: Christmas in your heart, Make it Christmas in your heart. Open wide the door And let Jesus in your heart. As the Savior knocks today, will you coldly turn away? This Christmas, make it Christmas in your heart.)

You may sing the carols that exalt the Baby’s name. But when Jesus calls to you, the answer’s still the same. There’s no room for Jesus; He is crowded out again. Will you open wide your

heart and let the Savior in?

(Chorus: Christmas in your heart, Make it Christmas in your heart. Open wide the door And let Jesus in your heart. As the Savior knocks today, will you coldly turn away? This Christmas, make it Christmas in your heart.)

Praises

- I praise God that we can remember the birth of our Precious Savior not just at Christmas, but all year round!
- I praise God for powerful preaching I heard at Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT by Dr. Charles L. Parker
- I Praise and thank the Lord God for helping me in and through many recent trials.
- I praise God for His wonderful grace and mercy toward me always.
- I praise God for helping my friend Andrew find FT work in MA, and that Andrew continues to serve faithfully in Norwood, MA.
- I praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege and blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way. The best place to be is near to the heart of God in the center of His will.
- For a blessed time last month with friends from MA.
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.
- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.

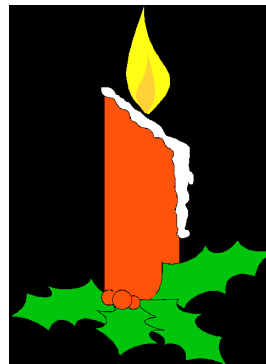
If you have a praise or prayer request you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please e-mail it to me at svtdtday@yahoo.com

• I praise God for a powerful Bible Conference last month with Dr. David Cloud on "Keeping the Kids". I highly recommend purchasing this book and downloading the video at www.wayoflife.org. This is highly recommended for any parent or soon to be parent.



Prayer Requests

- For Christ alone to be seen and known this Christmas
- Jack Vasel (newborn baby) (health) (born prematurely)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs
- Pray for sale of my home in PA to make a move to Norwood, MA
- Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land
- Salvation of my sister Wendy and friend Ben
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts' Sybil and Bernice
- Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers
- Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads
- Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord
- Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families
- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation
- Those affected by the recent typhoon in the Philippines



*Wishing you all
A very Merry
Christmas!*

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In Next Months Issue

Hunger For Truth goes Bi-monthly with more articles and studies, as well as more in the "Children For Christ" column.

Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,

Craig G. – Prov. 3:5-6

