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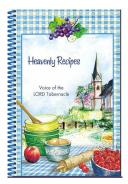
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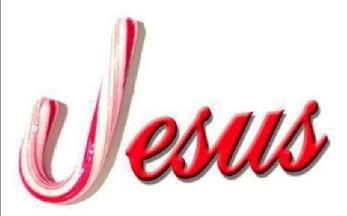
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The King of Kings, the Lord of Lords Came to earth for you and me. The salvation I could not afford He paid for on Calvary. What could I ever give Him That would thank Him for His Son? I'll confess, and turn from my sin And live in the victory won! He's the Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, Prince of Peace, He's the Everlasting Father, And to think - He came for me! He deserves no less than my all, Though it's easy to give Him less. Though born in a humble stall, God sent me His very best.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



Look at the Candy Cane, what do you see?
Stripes that are red, like the blood shed for me
White is for my Savior, who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus, My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around, and a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd was born for Me!





### Cousin Leroy

Ole Leroy looked out the door of his barn and noticed Leroy jr. "playing church" with his cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. Leroy smiled and went about his work. A while later he heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the door to see Leroy jr. baptizing the cat in a tub of water. He yelled out, "Junior, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Junior looked up at him and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

#### **Long Sermon**

A lady was visiting a church one Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep. After the service, she walked up to a very sleepy-looking gentleman, extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn." The gentleman replied, "You're not the only one ma'am, I'm glad he's done, too!"

#### Get In NOW!

Dewey was returning home from a business trip, bags in hand, and slowly making his way to his vehicle in the crowded airport garage. Suddenly a large dark car screeched to a stop in front of Dewey, and the driver pointed menacingly at him. "Get in," the driver ordered. "I'll take you to your car." Startled, Dewey took a step backward. "Ah ... no thanks," he answered. "I can get there myself." "No!" the man barked back as he threw open his passenger side door. "Get In!" Dewey's eyes now darted around the garage, hoping to find a security guard. Just then, the driver's face softened. "Please," he said, "I've been driving up and down for an hour. I can't find a space to park and I want yours."



One good sign you need more training in the area of visitation...

#### The Shopkeeper

The shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a huge sign which read ... BEST DEALS. He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading ... LOWEST PRICES. The shopkeeper was panicked, until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop. It read ... MAIN ENTRANCE

#### **Pray For Me**

During a sharing time in the early part of a service, a visitor admitted a shortcoming. "I'm a spendthrift. I just cannot keep any money in my pocket. I give it away as if it grew on trees. Please pray for me." "We certainly will," said the pastor, "right after we take up the offering."

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## December Sermon of the Month THE CALL

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#### "DON'T TRY TO REMOVE CHRIST FROM CHRISTMAS"

Recent polls find that only one-third of Americans consider Christ's birth the most important aspect of Christmas. 33% more people cited the opportunity for "family time" as the main reason Christmas is important to them. Even when considering only respondents who said they were Christians (88% of Americans), the birth of Christ drew the top vote from only 37%. There is a movement in some evangelical circles advocating that for Christmas to be genuine, it must promote the inclusion of Christ. And according to the above survey, we can see from where their concern arises. The survey would appear to say that Christ has been kept out of Christmas! But with all due respect to my evangelical friends, I want to reassure them that regardless of how much people may try, they are not going to remove Christ from Christmas. It's foolish to even try. Since Christ is in all aspects of our lives, why should he be absent during the most festive time of the year? The gospels show our Lord at weddings in John 2 and dining with friends and disciples in Matthew 9, not to mention his participation in the great Jewish festivals that had great social importance to God's people. If Christmas is a time of sharing, then our Lord is present. In his earthly ministry, Jesus did not have anything, yet he gave everything. He never handled money, yet he made us all rich. He never owned a home or even had a bed, but he has provided for us to have shelter and food. He never wrote a book, yet he shared beautiful stories (We call them parables.) which were written down by his disciples — and are now available to in so many different forms such as our KJV Bibles. I Pods, I Phones, CDS, etc...If Christmas is a time of giving, then our Lord is present. He gave more than anyone on the face of this earth. You cannot out-give Him. He not only gave to those in need — by healing, feeding and blessing — he gave of himself through his sacrifice on the Cross. He gave while he was living and he keeps giving while he is in heaven, at the right side of the Father. If Thanksgiving is a time for the counting of our blessings, then Christmas is a time when we must acknowledge the source of those blessings: Jesus Christ. The Author of our salvation is also the Giver of our blessings. Paul learned how to give from our Lord, as he taught him in Acts 20:35 - I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Taking Christ out of any part of our lives would be insane; it would be foolish — it would be impossible. Christ is in Christmas, just as he is in every celebration and every crisis throughout the year. You can ignore him, you can mock him — or you can adore him. "Oh come, let us adore him!" Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

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#### Patient Hope In Our LORD Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 2:19 "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?" Christmas is soon coming and we think of "Joy to the World" or "Good Christian Men Rejoice" or any number of songs or feelings which express the hope that is in our hearts because God became man and was with us. Emmanuel. Some of you may even know the exact number of days until Christmas. We tend to look back to the first coming of Jesus; but, the great hope, the cause for rejoicing for these early church believers was the fact and hope that Jesus was coming again! Instead of focusing on the "Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains," they were more focused on "the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:" (I Thess. 4:16). They believed what the angels had said in Acts 1:11 "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." They were grateful that Jesus had come as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world;" (John 1:29) but, they were looking for "the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, [who] hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." At Christmas we often think of a child who grew up to appear to be conquered. They looked at Christ as the resurrected! They saw Him as a soon coming King! He came the first time meek and gentle; He came lowly and full of compassion but they were focused on a mighty King, a Saviour; they kept looking for the LORD! (Revelation 19 gives a description of Jesus which most do not think of) The return of Jesus, the "patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 1:3) was no mere hope of contemplation; it was a hope of expectation! Because Jesus could come back at any moment it effected the way they lived, the way they talked, the things they allowed or would not allow in their lives. Oh that we would be so focused on the return of our Lord that its thought took up our every waking moment. Do you ever ask yourself, "Would I want Jesus to find me doing this when He returns?"? The return of Jesus was no mere thought, it was one of their consuming thoughts which moved them to a labour of love and continued their work of faith. Since the coming of Christ is imminent it should move us with urgency to live righteously and to the urgency of sharing our faith and lifting up our fellow believers. As a matter of fact Paul tells the Thessalonian believers that they are to comfort one another with the truth of Jesus' return (I Thess. 4:13-18). I enjoy Christmas as much as the next person; but this season, let us think of the second advent of our Saviour while we celebrate His first. I exhort you in the name of Jesus to LOOK with EXPECTATION for His return! Since He is coming again soon, let us press on in holiness and purity. Let our commitment to the King of kings grow and our complacency shrink. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN! Brother Steve Huston 103 N. Division Ave. Fremont, Michigan 49412

### REESIE'S RECIPES

#### **German Chocolate Pie**

refrigerated pie crust, softened as directed 1 (4 oz) sweet baking chocolate, chopped ¼ cup butter or margarine 1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk 1½ cups sugar 2 tablespoons cornstarch ½ teaspoon salt 4 egg yolks ½ teaspoon vanilla ¼ teaspoon almond extract 1 cup flaked coconut 1 cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 375°F. Place pie crust in 9-inch glass pie plate as directed. In 1-quart saucepan, heat chocolate and butter over medium-low heat until melted and mixture can be stirred smooth. Remove from heat; gradually stir in milk. In medium bowl, mix sugar, cornstarch and salt. In small bowl, mix egg yolks, vanilla and almond extract. Gradually add chocolate mixture to egg mixture, stirring with wire whisk. Add chocolate-egg yolk mixture to cornstarch mixture, stirring with whisk. Pour filling into crust-lined plate. In small bowl, mix coconut and pecans; sprinkle over filling. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until puffed and almost set. Cool completely on cooling rack, about 4 hours.

#### Twice Baked Potatoes

6 Baking Potatoes

2 TB olive oil

1 TB kosher salt

For filling:

1/3 half and half

6 TB butter

1/4 cup sour cream

1/2 tsp kosher salt

1/4 tsp pepper

1 c shredded cheese

Bacon bits

1 bunch green onions (chopped thin)

Pre-heat oven to 400° and line a baking sheet with foil. Prep the potatoes by washing them under cold water. Next pierce the potatoes with a fork several times and then plan on the pan. Brush potatoes with olive oil and sprinkle on the kosher salt. Bake potatoes for one hour. Allow potatoes to cool. Cut potatoes in half and then scoop out most of the inside of the potatoe. Leave a little bit, so the skins don't tear. Mash the inside of the potatoes in a large bowl and then mix in the butter, half and half, sour cream, salt and pepper. Once the potatoes are mashed, scoop the potatoes back into the skins. Then top with cheese, bacon and green onions. Bake at 375 for 10-15 min or until cheese is bubbly.

#### Caramel Apple Salad

6 regular size Snickers Candy Bars
4 medium apples I used Red Delicious
1 (5.1 oz.) package Vanilla Instant Pudding dry
1/2 cup milk

1 (16 oz.) tub cool whip thawed to room temp
1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping

Whisk vanilla pudding packet, 1/2 cup milk and cool whip together until well combined. Chop up apples and Snickers into bite size pieces. Stir chopped apples and Snickers into pudding mixture. Place in a large bowl and drizzle with caramel ice cream topping. Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

#### **Cornbread Salad**

2 pkg mexican cornbread (any kind)

2 cans pinto beans (drained)

2 cans whole kernal corn (drained)

1 green bell pepper (chopped)

3 tomatoes (chopped)

6-8 green onions (chopped)

**TOPPING** 

2 pkg ranch dressing mix

2 c sour cream

2 c mayonnaise

2 c cheddar cheese (shredded)

VERY TOP:

1 pkg bacon bits

Prepare cornbread as directed on package, cool. Stir together ranch dressing mix, sour cream and mayonnaise until blended; set aside. Combine chopped tomatoes, bell peppers and onions. Toss gently. Open corn and pinto beans, drain, mix together. Crumble the cornbread into a large rectangle dish (or large bowl). Pour half the beans and corn mixture on the crumbled corn bread and spread evenly. Pour half the greens and tomato mixture on top of the beans and corn mixture and spread evenly. Sprinkle half the shredded cheese on top of this and then repeat these layers. Top with the topping mixture and sprinkle bacon bits on very top.



#### Who Are You

"Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;" Psa 107:2 (KJV)

In these last days it is increasingly important to become aware of who we are. I'm not talking about your name or your social security or ID number; I'm not talking about your title as far as your kids or spouse is concerned; nor am I talking about your title at work. All of these things are important in their own way - but that's not where I'm going with this. If, while watching television, you saw a humongous depiction of a man with a somewhat glass face and crown dressed in kingly robes and handing someone a sandwich, you would know (at least here in The U.S.) that stands for the Burger King Mascot. If you saw Jared Fogle on the television - you'd probably say, "Hey, there's the Subway Guy!". If you Heard the slogans, "Have it your Way" or "Where's the beef" or even "I'm Lovin' it", you would automatically think of the most accessed fast-food restaurants in the world. Okay Brother Wayne, are ya needin' a whopper or something? What's all this talk about fast-food? Well, in making my point I could think of no better illustration than the three top fast-food restaurants around. I think you got the point though. A local guy wrote a column in the newspaper on this subject and here is what he had to say about it... "Sell an idea that customers' wishes matter and repeat it relentlessly. Sell it to the high-school burger flipper and the home-office vice president. The words don't have to be profound if everybody believes in them" When I read that, I began to understand why people were wanting to remove the Cross and the 10 commandments from public buildings. I could all of a sudden understand why people roll their eyes when you and I say that we're Christians. It's because, as Christians, we don't try to offer Christ as the Answer to life's problems anymore - and if we do, we often don't live what we preach. Wearing crosses around our necks nowadays would not be considered "politically correct"; and in many cases a person could even lose their job or at least be suspended for doing so. You see, we have stopped telling out the sweet story of Jesus. We have stopped talking about the man who left His heavenly throne to be the complete sacrifice. We have stopped talking about the man who was moved at the compassion of blinded eyes and couldn't pass up even a fevered brow without restoring them to health again! We have stopped talking about Heaven and going there! We never mention Hell unless we're cursing and never speak of the supernatural unless it is in conjunction with Batman, or the Incredible Hulk or the TRANSFORMERS - okay, that's sci-fi, but you get he idea! Let me read that statement to you again if I may: a statement written by Ken Newton, local columnist in the Saint Joseph News Press. He said: "Sell an idea that customers' wishes matter and repeat it relentlessly. Sell it to the high-school burger flipper and the home-office vice president. The words don't have to be profound if everybody believes in them." We used to do that! What happened? Remember. "Honk if you love Jesus!" "Jesus Saves" "What would Jesus do?" "God Loves You!" even a simple, "God bless you!" I could go on and on, but I want to ask you the question in the title of today's devotional one more time and ask you to think about it. Who are you? If you're a "Christian" and friend, that's a dirty word in many circles today; but if you are a Christian and you're not ashamed of it - Say so! "The words don't have to be profound if everybody believes in them." It's time for "the redeemed" of the Lord - SAY SO!

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#### **Come As You Are**

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6

An artist went searching the streets of New York City for a model to pose for a portrait he wanted to call — 'The Prodigal'. One day was passing Central Park and saw an impoverished beggar lying on a bench and thought: 'He's perfect! That man would represent the prodigal son beautifully in my painting.' He asked the beggar if he would be willing to sit for his painting and he would gladly pay him for his time. Naturally, the beggar agreed. On the day and time appointed, a man knocked on the door of the artist's small Brooklyn studio. Excitedly, he answered his door only to find a clean-shaven young man dressed in a suit and tie standing before him. Disappointed, he said, "You must have the wrong door sir, the law office is down the hall". "But you made an appointment with me," the man replied, "No," said the artist, "I don't believe I've ever seen you before. I made an appointment to meet with a beggar here at this hour." "Well," said the man, "I am the beggar." "You?" said the artist, "You're the beggar?" "Yes, he replied. After you left me last week, I found some money and thought I would get a new suit of clothes before you painted me." "Oh," replied the artist, "Well, you're just not right for the job." The beggar wanted to show himself a masterpiece before the artist — but the artist wasn't looking for that. He wanted to create the masterpiece himself! Likewise, when we come to God, we must not come in our own garments of self-righteousness. We must come before him transparent, with no inhibitions, or worries, or pride. God has already seen our weaknesses and faults. We're not hiding anything from Him anyway. The Master Artist has an appointment with us today. Let's not come disguised as someone else. Let's come as we are so that He can make a priceless masterpiece. George Whitten - www.worthydevotions.com

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#### **All Things Are Become New**



Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new. 2Corinthians 5:17

The Apostle Paul wrote the above statement not as one with a supposed theory or an assumed theology BUT one who had personally experienced the life changing power of Jesus Christ! It was a truth that he knew from the depths of his heart. He knew who he

used to be when he was "Saul" the persecutor of the church and Rome's leading head hunter AND he knew who he was NOW...after his experience on the road to Damascus...AFTER he had been born again and came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The difference between Saul and now Paul was like the difference between night and day...his heart that was once full of hate and murder now knew the real meaning of love and life. Since we are in the Christmas season I want to relate this to a story familiar to most of us. In 1843 English author Charles Dickens wrote a Christmas tale called "A Christmas Carol". The story tells of a bitter and miserly man by the name of Ebenezer Scrooge whose life was changed much like what we see in the example of the Apostle Paul. In a letter that Charles Dickens wrote to Reverend D. Macrae he said "All of my strongest illustrations are drawn from the New Testament". With this in mind one wonders if his inspiration for his most popular character Ebenezer Scrooge may have been influenced in some way by the conversion of the Apostle Paul. Nevertheless with those thoughts in mind I want to share with you a poem that the LORD gave to me several years ago now.

There Is A Story We All Know Well, About A Grumpy Old Man With A Story To Tell.

His Name Was Scrooge His Face Mean And Straight, His Heart Was So Hard And So Full Of Hate.

His Only True Love Was Himself And His Money, He Never Made Merry And Thought Nothing Was Funny.

He Didn't Know God He Needed No Friend, Until That Night He Saw His Dreaded End.

The Lesson He Learned Was Without A Change, In That Great Book Of Life There'd Be Not His Name.

This Lesson Taught By Three Spirits Say Most, More Likely The Father The Son And The Holy Ghost.

So One Christmas Night He Fell To His Knees, And Cried Out For Mercy Oh Lord Help Me Please

And After That Night Old Things Past Away, All Things Became New They Heard Ole Scrooge Say

So If He Was Here His Voice He Would Raise, Merry Christmas To All And To God Be The Praise.

You see the life changing power that the Apostle Paul experienced and the life changing power that "Ole Scrooge" experienced in the poem is the same LIFE CHANGING experience you can have today. In the story "A Christmas Carol" Scrooge is brought face to face with 3 things...his present and his future. In a sense the same is true of Saul on the road to Damascus...both men had wasted their past, both men were miserable and lost in their present AND both men were facing a future that held the same and an eternity in hell. How about you? Look back over the years that you have spent without the LORD take a moment to consider just how painful and wasted they have been. Look at "today", your present...your life NOW! Without Jesus you can not know real joy, real love or peace. And no matter what you try to fill the empty void within your heart...that void remains empty because nothing of this world can fill it! Now for the third one...the most fearful of the three...how about your future? Without Jesus your future in this life just means more of the same emptiness and hurt and yet more wasted years...and sadly your future in the next life means an eternity in hell. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." What then my friend? The Bible teaches us clearly that if we do not put our faith in Jesus Christ in this life there will be no second chance...no hope for us in the next. If you do not know Jesus Christ today I want to invite you to ask Him to be your LORD and Savour...to put your faith in Him. To put your trust in Him and your life in His hands...give Him your past, your present AND future today. And maybe you are reading this and you have already done that ... you are born again but you struggle with your faith ... you continue to be attacked by the enemy bringing up your past, trying to get you to doubt your faith today and even causing you to question your future. I want to invite you to do the same thing...call out to Jesus today and give it all over to Him...your past...your present and your future. Cast all your cares on Him for he cares for you more than you will ever know. Stop trying to carry the load and lay it where it belongs...at the feet of Jesus. I want to wish you all a very blessed Christmas season and during this time of celebration may we all keep our faith focused on HIM and stand steadfast in the fact that Jesus IS the reason for the season...not just the Christmas season but EVERY season of life. Until next time may the LORD bless and keep you is my prayer. Pastor Billy R. Douglas



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#### I Give You Jesus

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

As December 25th approaches and we exchange gifts with our loved ones, and celebrate the birthday of Jesus. I am reminded of a song titled 'I GIVE YOU JESUS' So if you are facing the holidays and feel like there is no hope for you.. I GIVE YOU JESUS, If you have no peace and need peace....I give you the PRINCE OF PEACE...If you are sad I give you Jesus. He is our joy. If you are lonely....I give you Jesus...he is love. In Acts 3:6 Peter said Silver and Gold have I none, But such as I have, I give unto thee...so I may not have material gifts to give you...But I give you Jesus.

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#### **God's Simple Plan of Salvation**

My Friend: we are about to ask you the most important question of your life. Your joy or your sorrow for all eternity depends upon your answer. The question is: Are you saved? Do you know Jesus Christ as your personal LORD and Saviour? It is not a question of how good you are, nor if you are a church member, but have you put your faith in Jesus? Are you sure you will go to Heaven when you die? The Bible makes the plan of salvation plain and simple. Romans 10:13 says For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Call on Jesus today. Put your faith and trust in him and ask him to forgive you of your sins and to be your LORD and savior and you will be born again...SAVED!! Do this today, tomorrow may be to late! Please write or call us if you have made the decision to accept Jesus. We would love to send you some material to help you with your new life with the LORD.



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