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# God and Man Reunited



**By Pastor Owen Alston**

<sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:8-14)

I believe that one of the greatest revelations we can receive is to be able to see the true heart of God. In the above text, we see the excitement of heaven at the announcement of Jesus appearing on the earth. Heaven's excitement is quite evident as the multitude of the heavenly host praises God, saying, "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOODWILL TOWARD MEN!"

For the first time since the fall of man, PEACE is back on earth. Jesus is the prince of peace – *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, PRINCE OF PEACE (Isaiah 9:6).* I can imagine

the joy in Father God's heart to bring Peace to the earth through His Son Jesus. When I see and understand the Heart of Father God and His desire to be reunited with His man, I am greatly motivated to be faithful to the calling that He has placed on me. This is the very message I desire to convey to you: look beyond the satanic pitfalls in our daily affairs and see the true Heart of God, which is to love us and restore us back to our rightful place with Him. God pleads through the prophet Isaiah 6:8, *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."* The more I understand the heart of God, the more I become like Him. God again reveals His Heart in 2Peter 3:9, *The Lord is not slack concern-*



# GOD OF ALL GRACE

*ing His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.* I desire that you look very carefully at these scriptures and see the true Heart of God. God is not walking around stalking you every day trying to catch you doing something wrong. That is the lie that the devil is telling you. God simply wants you and me to believe His word and get in line with His plan to restore the human race back to its rightful place with Him. In Numbers 14:11, God speaks to Moses –

*Then the Lord said to Moses: “How long will these people reject Me? **And how long will***

***they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?”***

The word of God makes very clear the purpose and plan of God for our lives. We are not here to compete with one another or fight with one another, but to love one another and work together fulfilling the calling of God on our lives. Paul by The Holy Spirit said it best in Acts 20:24, *But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

# Winter is Coming: *Are You Ready?*

By Cindy T. Brown

*Winter is coming, the season is near;  
With our hats and our scarves, we try to prepare.  
From Uggs, to snow plows, and generators,  
We even stock up on door insulators!  
Warm on our outsides, surely we'll be;  
But the priority is our insides, won't you agree?  
The condition of our hearts is more important than all.  
We must diligently guard it, lest surely we'll fall.  
Seek first His kingdom, then the best things abound;  
Like blessings, and wisdom, and things that astound!  
Do not forsake God's grace for temporal things.  
When we live for God we spread blessed wings;  
And we soar above all controversies,  
as recipients of God's tender mercies.*



# Member Spotlight

**By Jan Bright**

**F**rom the outside, Diana Alfonso appears to be a young woman who is experiencing all the blessings of our loving God and in fact, she is. She is beautiful and talented. She has a wonderful husband and lovely children. She lives in a beautiful house and drives a nice car. But it wasn't always that way. Diana will tell you, "People need to know where I've come from. God has brought me so far. There is a reason why I worship my Lord."

For Diana, it all began in the projects of Newark, New Jersey. She was the middle child of five children. She grew up without a father and life was tough. As a child she witnessed alcoholism and domestic violence. At times, she also experienced it. Due to difficulties at home, she lived with an aunt for a while and was sent to Puerto Rico to live for a year. At thirteen years of age, she accepted Jesus as her Lord. A cousin and her mother came to visit and she was introduced to the Lord and began attending a Pentecostal church. Diana remembers, "It was my first love. I was after Jesus."

At age 15, she left home. Her life was unstable as she found refuge first in one person's house and then in another and another. As a teenager, Di-



***Diana & Lazaro Alfonso***

ana was angry, rebellious and lonely. She admits

drifting away from the church and at 19, she learned she was pregnant. "I was almost five months pregnant and didn't realize it. I didn't know what was happening to my body." After the baby was born, she was confused and prayed to God for guidance. "I was just lost. I knew I had God, but there I was in my car with a baby and a bag of clothes with nowhere to go." The Lord put a church member in her life, a woman with a daycare in her home, who volunteered to take care of the baby while Diana looked for jobs. A cousin took her in and Diana began to make a life for herself and her child as the Lord provided jobs and opportunities to help her.

One day as she and a girlfriend were traveling the Garden State Parkway on their way to the Jersey shore, a car with two handsome young men pulled alongside them. After a bit of flirting, the boys asked "What exit are you getting off?"

The answer was “137!” The couples met at the McDonald’s and that was the start of a relationship for Diana and Lazaro. They dated, fell in love, and married on April 11, 1999. They have 5 children, Jonathan, Crystal , Keana , Lazaro , and Isabella.

Although she was attending church, Diana was not satisfied. She couldn’t wear makeup or slacks and felt she had a gift she was unable to share so she

When asked to give her favorite Scripture, Diana replies without hesitation, “Psalm 34, I see His love for me in that Psalm, His protection, His promises.” Diana says of herself, “God created me to worship. I’m a worshipper.” So, it is fitting that she embraces a Psalm that begins “ I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

Diana’s advice to young women: “Get into the



asked God to send her to another church. She even made a list of things she would like to see in it. A lady in the gym invited her to Harmony Ministries and it was the answer to her prayer. “When I came to Harmony, I knew it was everything I ever wanted. The love at Harmony just drew me in. I felt the love from the people was genuine. I’m happy to be in a place where people see my heart and don’t judge me by my appearance and the Word is made alive.” Diana found her gift in song. She has a beautiful voice that she lifts in praise to God both in English and Spanish as a member of the praise and worship team for fifteen years.

Word. Pray. God taught me how to be a wife and mother. Through His word and by listening to Pastor, I learned how to be a godly wife and a godly mother.” She adds, “Forgiveness is so important. I had to forgive everyone who hurt me and leave it behind. Growing up with low self- esteem and rejection is hard. It is His love alone that heals all the pain and struggle.”

In the future Diana sees her children working for God and herself,” Doing His will wherever He leads me.” The people of Harmony are surely glad that He has led Diana and her family here to be a part of our family.



## *End of Year Report* 2017

Would you believe we are at the close of another year? Yes, 2017 is almost history, but thanks be to God there is a lot to show for what has happened this past year. We started this year with a vision from the Lord to live out the Word and live it out we did and are doing. Extreme growth has taken place across the board. Revelation seems to be coming in waves. From what we are experiencing, I believe we are in the home stretch of Jesus' return.

In February of this year, I had the privilege of traveling to Israel. The experience that I had shall never be forgotten. To be able to walk where Jesus walked and sail upon the Sea of Galilee was an experience I shall never forget. One of the most memorable experiences I had was the day we literally went up to Jerusalem. How many times have I read about Jesus going up to Jerusalem, and here I am going up to Jerusalem. Standing on the Mount of Olives and looking over at the Temple Mount was an experience of a lifetime. Through experiencing everything firsthand, I learned so much about Jewish biblical traditions. I was privileged to celebrate Shabbat and partake in a Sabbath meal with a Jewish family. What an experience! We at Harmony Ministries are planning a trip to Israel in February 2019. Anyone desiring to go with us is welcome. Contact us and we will be happy to provide all the information required.

As the year progressed, we celebrated a great time of consecration in April leading up to Easter. Consecration week has been a time we have set aside to come together as a family to worship and spend time in the Word. The format for these meetings starts at 6 a.m. with prayer, 10 a.m. Bible lesson, and a general service at 7 p.m. daily for the entire week leading up to Easter.

In May of this year, we held a two-day youth rally which I considered very benefi-





cial. I believe very strongly in investing in our youth. The church has an obligation of maintaining a standard of holiness within the ranks of today's youth. There is such an effort from the outside world to rob our children of moral values that we must take every opportunity to support and encourage them to maintain a standard of holiness.

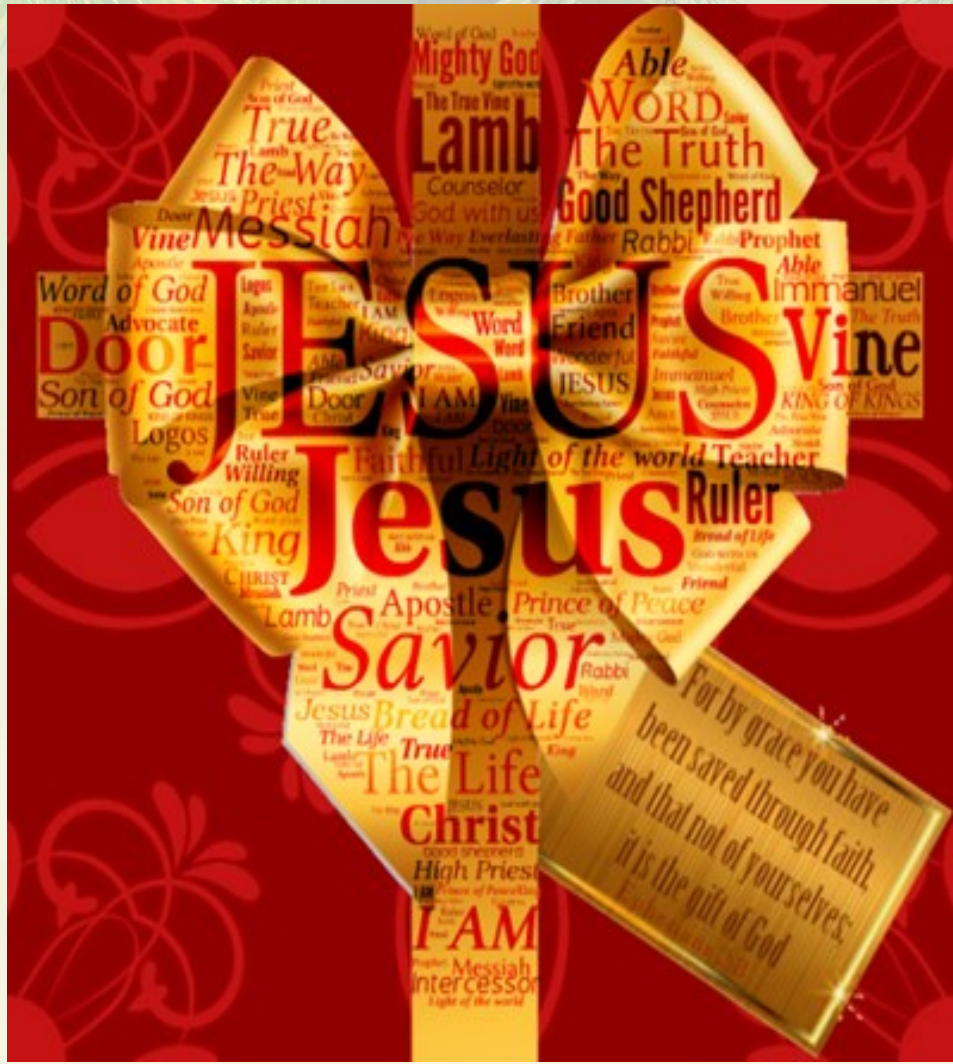
Father's Day Weekend of this year, we rallied our men together at the Eagle Ridge Golf Country Club for our annual Men's Fellowship Breakfast. This has always been a success and this year was no exception. One of the great benefits of these gatherings is that we use this as an opportunity to reach out to other men. Here at Harmony we pride ourselves on setting high moral standards. We use this time to share our beliefs with other men. I believe with all my heart that once men are in their rightful place, that is honoring their wives and taking care of their children, many other flaws in our society will be corrected.

August usually is our Vacation Bible School month. My desire always is to teach a well-rounded curriculum to include promoting family structure and values. Families vacationing together can be a great plus in this area. We were able to impact the lives of children in our community as well as adults. Many children received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In October, we did an outreach of the whole City of Lakehurst sharing the love of Jesus and inviting them to Christ. I was pleased with the effort of the entire church in this endeavor.

As this year begins to wind down, many of us are already planning the celebration of the advent of our wonderful Savior Jesus Christ. Let us be mindful that there are yet many who have not yet made the choice of saying yes to Jesus and all that He has done in the redemptive process in bringing us back into right relationship with Father God. Take every opportunity to love someone and tell them about Jesus. May the Grace and Peace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ who lived, died and rose again keep you until that great day of His return.

*Pastor Alston*

# Jesus Christ Is the Greatest Gift



**By: Yvonne Shaw**

During this joyous Christmas season, we celebrate the greatest gift ever presented to us and that gift is the birth of Jesus Christ. God loves us so much that His only son, Jesus Christ, was born as a sacrificial lamb for our sins. God Himself provided the only acceptable sacrifice, Jesus, who could atone for the sins of His people. God's perfect Son, Jesus, fulfilled God's perfect law to bring us back to God.

*"He made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness].*

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

Jesus was born and died for our sins so that we no longer have to live a life of sin. Through Je-

sus we have the opportunity to restore our relationship with God. We can live a life of prosperity and peace, with the understanding that God supplies all our needs; our peace and prosperity is all wrapped up in His word, *Shalom*. When we dedicate our lives to Christ and develop an intimate relationship with Him, it is no longer we who are responsible for our lives but Christ who now resides within us allowing us to live a life of completion, wholeness lacking nothing.

*For in Him all the fullness of Deity (the Godhead) dwells in bodily form [completely expressing the divine essence of God]. And in Him you have been made complete [achieving spiritual stature through Christ], and He is the head over all rule and authority [of every angelic and earthly power].*

*Colossians 2:9 - 10*

Salvation is God's continuous gift to us; we need only to ask and receive it. God made His gift available to everyone giving us the free will to unite with Him. We have the option to receive this wonderful gift of salvation and live eternally with Christ Jesus or to reject Him and live a life of eternal damnation. With His gift, comes many benefits. In order for these benefits to activate in our lives, we have to receive them.

***“But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature together with its passions and appetites.”***  
**Galatians 5:22-23**

However, like all gifts, they are useless to us if we do not receive and apply them to our lives. God does not want us to only listen to His word but be doers of the Word (James 1:22). As families gather together at Christmas showing love and affection for one another, exchanging gifts and singing songs, let us remember the greatest love story and the sacrifices that were made on our behalf through God's love. Displaying God's characteristic we are to demonstrate that same love to one another.

***“For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge and condemn the world [that is, to initiate the final judgment of the world], but that the world might be saved through Him.”***  
**John 3:16 – 17**

Have you opened your gift today? If you have not received the gift of salvation, do not wait. Now is the opportunity to do so. God's arms are wide open waiting to receive and accept

you into His kingdom of righteousness. Once you become a child of God, you are also an heir and entitled to the many benefits our Father has already given to us. Those benefits are in our life manual, God's word.

**Benefits of forgiveness:**

***“For it is by grace [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [not through your own effort], but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of [your] works [nor your attempts to keep the Law], so that no one will [be able to] boast or take credit in any way [for his salvation].”*** (Ephesians 2:8-9).

***“He has not dealt with us according to our sins [as we deserve], Nor rewarded us [with punishment] according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear and worship Him [with awe-filled respect and deepest reverence]. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father loves his children, So the LORD loves those who fear and worship Him [with awe-filled respect and deepest reverence].”***  
**(Psalm 103:10 – 13)**

**The benefits of renewal:**

***“Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].”***

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

***“Do you not know and understand that you [the church] are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells [permanently] in you [collectively and individually]?”***

**1 Corinthians 3:16**

**The benefits of eternity:**

**"For I am convinced [and continue to be convinced—beyond any doubt] that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present and threatening, nor things to come, nor powers,<sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the [unlimited] love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39**

**"And the testimony is this: God has given us eternal life [we already possess it], and this life is in His Son [resulting in our spiritual completeness, and eternal companionship with Him]."**

**1 John 5:11**

This Christmas do you have that greatest security? Do you know that you have received the greatest possession of all—Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? All you have to do is unwrap and experience all that God has given to us. Don't leave these precious gifts unopened! Salvation is a package that

contains a lifetime of never ending joys and delights as we partake of Christ, finding Him as our daily portion. This Christmas, be sure you have opened your presents given by Jesus.

As you think about Christmas, gifts, presents, giving and receiving, why not check and be sure that you are opening the only gift that you (and everyone else) really needs?

Christmas is a time to remember what we are truly grateful for: the greatest gift who is Christ, given to us by God because of his love for us. The love of God, manifest in Christ Jesus, is a shining example of the ultimate act of giving and of sacrifice. Let us all reflect this love in sharing our kindness and generosity with others.

I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.





# Faith Resource Center

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# The Heart of *a Servant*

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**By: Deborah Peniston**

*“Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.”*

Luke 1:28b-31 NKJ

As wonderful as this sounds, for Mary it would cause shame and embarrassment to herself, her family, and her betrothed, Joseph. According to the Law of Moses, she could be stoned to death. Mary and Joseph were children of Israel from the royal line of David. They understood and followed Old Testament law. Deuteronomy 22:13-30 explains the laws of sexual morality. It clearly states that a young woman must be a virgin when she weds. *“But if the thing is true, and evidences of virginity are not found for the young woman, then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father’s house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel...”* (Deuteronomy 22:20, 21).

One could only imagine the

days before the wedding for the bride. The excitement of planning and knowing her future is set. The marriage was most likely arranged (as was the custom), she may have fallen in love with Joseph years before, and now she was finally getting married. The angel said she was highly favored, blessed among women. It, therefore, had to be evident to everyone, that Joseph had an exceptional woman...one could even say virtuous.

What would make her highly favored? She most likely grew up hearing the stories of old. She had to reverence God, knew Him to be the Great I Am. *“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him”* ( 2 Chronicles 16:9). Clearly, His eyes had been upon her. She had to be worthy of such an assignment, but the Bible tells us initially she was troubled: *“But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was”* (Luke 1:29).

The Greek meaning of this troubled is to disturb wholly, i.e. agitate (with alarm). The Amplified Bible says, *“...she was greatly troubled and disturbed and confused at what he said and kept revolving in her mind*



what such a greeting might mean.” In an instant, her plans, her dreams must have flashed through her head. Maybe she thought, why is this happening now? What does this mean for me and my life with Joseph?



sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible” (Luke 1:34-37).

The fullness of this angelic visit culminates with that last line... “For with God nothing will be impossible.” All of her fleshly thoughts... confusion and fear, disappear. Her focus shifts from herself to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Lord God, the Great I Am, will handle everything; she only needs to obey. She relinquishes her concern for her reputation, her wedding, her betrothed, and her family. She says, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38a).

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Luke 1:30-33

Mary surrendered her will for His will, trusting Him and believing everything would be all right. He had a purpose and plan for her, but she had to humble herself to the point of obedience. This is the heart of a servant...

Mary had to know what the prophets had spoken of the birth of the Messiah. “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). She asked, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the

“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6, 7





## ***God's Joy is the Foundation of Good Health***

Submitted by: Marilyn Phillips

*Do not be afraid I bring you tidings of great joy which will be to all people. Luke 2:10.*

God's Kingdom is manifested by joy, peace, and righteousness. In this time of great festivity and celebration of the birth of the King of Kings, we can embrace the joy of the season. Jesus knows the wonderful experience joy brings to His children. He wants us to retain this feeling of joy not only at Christmas but throughout the year. All of us have the power through the Holy Spirit to experience this continuous joy. Jesus states in Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." He also states in First Thessalonians 5:16, "Rejoice always!" Jesus knew, however, that we would sometimes encounter situations when we do not really feel like rejoicing; therefore, He reminded us to rejoice always! We comprehend through His Word that we are not alone despite what we are experiencing. Jesus is with us; He recognizes our struggles and disappointments. As is stated in Hebrews 2:18: "Since he himself has gone through sufferings and testing, He is able to hold us when we are tested." Our High Priest understands: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin" Hebrews 4:15.



## ***Joy is not Precipitated by Circumstances***

Happiness, unlike joy, is transient and dependent on situations and circumstances. Joy, however, is constant and is not precipitated by conditions; it emerges from the indwelling of Holy Spirit. God's Spirit creates this gift, as stated in Galatians 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." Jesus demonstrates this joy and He wants us to maintain it. Psalm 16:11 states, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence, there is the fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

We can elevate our minds above our present situations to encounter and maintain this joy. We recognize that no situation is bigger than our God. We are victorious! We are winners despite the circumstances. We are conquerors as stated in His Word. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" Romans 8:37. His Word also declares "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" John 15:11. We can experience this fullness of joy.

Jesus wants us to encounter and maintain this joy because joy creates peace and good health. Proverbs 17:22 states "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Possession of God's joy causes us to mount up as eagles above our circumstances. Eagles do not really observe all the small objects that sometimes distract because they are soaring too high. God said in Exodus 19:4, "I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."

## ***Success for Health is in God's Word***

Success for health is in God's Word. His laws and His ways supersede any health plan. God's Holy Spirit will guide and direct our steps. He states "For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" First Timothy 4:8. God's peace and joy maintain health in our bodies not only at Christmas but always. Have a healthy, joyous and peaceful Christmas.



# GAME PAGES

## Word Search

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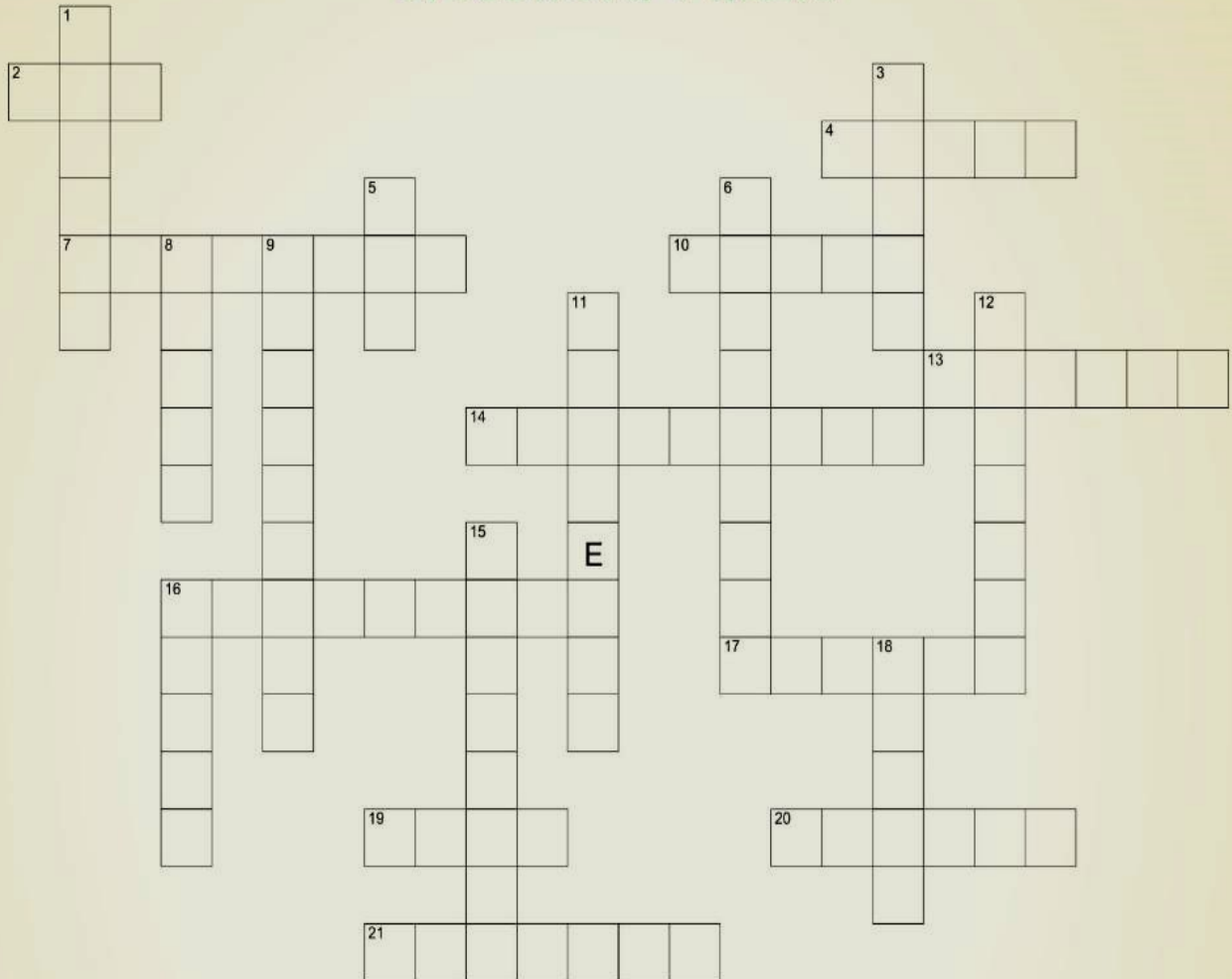
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# GAME PAGES

## Crossword Puzzle



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13. .... Augustus
14. Wrapped cloth
16. Jesus was this type of child
17. Feed trough for livestock
19. Mother of Jesus
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**\*\*\* PRAYER OF SALVATION \*\*\***

**DO YOU KNOW...?**

**GOD LOVES YOU**

**JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS**

**YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS NOW AND KNOW GOD'S LOVE**

The basis of the Prayer of Salvation comes from Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

However, I would like to direct you to Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is mentioned over 100 times in the Bible. Grace is God's unmerited favor and because of God's grace, we receive eternal life and a promise of heaven. Grace is necessary for salvation as we cannot do enough good works or make enough right choices to earn our salvation. The Bible teaches that we are justified by the grace of God (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7). Justified means declared not guilty. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, all charges against us are dropped and we are free from sin. When God forgives our sins, the record is wiped clean. It is as if we had never sinned.

A preacher once explained grace with this acronym:

**God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense**

**PRAY THIS PRAYER OUT LOUD:**

Heavenly Father, In Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

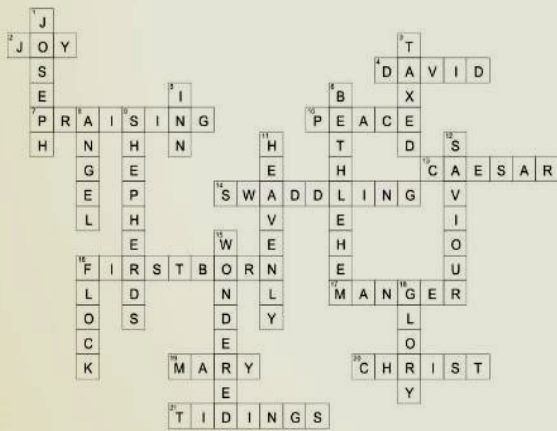
If you've prayed this prayer of salvation with true conviction, you are now a follower of Jesus.

Welcome to the family of God! We encourage you now to find a local church where you can be baptized and grow in the knowledge of God through His Word, the Bible.

By: Jacqueline Cuavers

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| 3. Caesar    | 9. heavenly | 15. peace     | 21. tidings   |
| 4. Christ    | 10. inn     | 16. praising  | 22. wondered  |
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and His Name shall be called,  
Wonderful, Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace!

Isaiah 9:6





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