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*“Glory to God
in the highest,
And on earth
peace, goodwill
toward men!”*

Luke 2:14 KJV

Dear Partners and Friends,

The Father's Love

Luke 15:20-22 (KJV, emphasis added)

²⁰ And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. ²¹

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. ²² But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

“Best Robe”

This robe would have been made of pure wool, which speaks of Christ's righteousness. Christ's righteousness is superior to self-righteousness as it was not a robe this man put on himself but the robe was put on him.

Romans 5:17 (KJV)

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 61:10 (KJV)

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

“Ring”

The ring was a symbol of authority, revealing that this was a person of dignity and wealth. This speaks of our self-worth being established in Christ and all the promises, given as a gift in Christ, that are now ours.

“Shoes”

In ancient times, those who were taken captive had their shoes removed. Also, servants and slaves went without shoes. The father having shoes put upon his feet speaks of the wayward man no longer being captive and a slave to sin but being a son and having sonship, a place in the family.

Ephesians 1:3-6 (NKJV)

³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,* ⁴ *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,* ⁵ *having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,* ⁶ *to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

A Gift of Love

For Christians, Christmas celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the greatest and most precious gift a God of love could give to His creation.

John 3:16-17 (CEV)

¹⁶ *God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.* ¹⁷ *God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!*

Because of Adam's sin, mankind was born into sin separating us from God. Our heavenly Father sent His only Son into the world as a man, born a baby who was sinless, and out of love and obedience to the Father, He took our sin and punishment upon Himself. Jesus was born to save all who would be willing to open their hearts to His love.

In Romans 10:13 (NKJV), it says, "For 'whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.'"

Entering into relationship with God is established by believing from our hearts that Jesus is the Son of God and the Lord of our lives, resulting in us becoming righteous as new creations in Christ through our born-again experience by the Spirit of God.



New DVD

Out in Time for Christmas

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Inspiring Your Faith

Inspiring Your Faith is a DVD containing fifteen short, uplifting messages taken from the Cecil and Lisa Paxton Ministries YouTube channel. In each video, Cecil shares a testimony and truth from the Word of God. These can be used for home-group discussions, short devotionals on busy days, or a good word whenever you need it.

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Romans 10:8-11 (ASV)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: 9 because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: 10 for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame.

Accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior is the best decision we will ever make in our entire lives. Out of this choice to receive the source of life, our lives take on a quality from within that is revealed in every other aspect of our lives. As Romans 10:11 says, “Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame” or ever be disappointed, as it is the best decision we will ever make—superior to every other decision throughout our lives.

End-of-Year Giving

Through your love and generous support this year, we have been able to go and touch many lives here in the United States and around the world, bringing God’s presence to His people. We appreciate you!

Also, for those of you looking to give an end-of-the-year donation, your envelope needs to be postmarked December 31, 2021; then, we will be able to credit your gift as a donation for this year. Donations given through the website also need to be completed within this calendar year to qualify as a 2021 donation. Thank you!

Merry Christmas!

This Christmas, may your hearts be full of joy as you celebrate God’s amazing gift of love through His Son, Jesus!

Love and blessings,

Cecil + Dina

The Christmas Story

This year, we are offering a free holiday video download on our website, www.clpmi.org. We hope you enjoy the Christmas story told through images narrated by Lisa Paxton.



**The
Christmas
Story**

Read by Lisa Paxton



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