

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me . . . I will give you rest

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"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Matthew 1:22-23, Luke 2:7 (NKJV)

Jesus came! How amazing is that statement! I can think of no more precious thought than this. Within this thought is the hope inherent in the promises of God to His people. The hope of peace with God. The hope for forgiveness and mercy from God. And the hope of a life together with God. *Now and Forever!* These promises and so many more are embodied in that single thought: **Jesus Came!**

This thought sprang to mind recently. What I know of my sin is like pond scum (if you don't know what this is or looks like, Google image pond scum). Pond scum is slimy and looks terrible, ruining the appearance of the pond. It floats on top of the pond and obscures a person's vision of the pond. You can judge neither the pond's depth or its level of contamination by the scum floating on the surface. All you can see is the scum. Similarly, we cannot truly envision the depth of our sin or how its vileness has permeated our nature. Nor can we truly comprehend how grievous our sin was and is to a holy God or the depth of His anger because of it.

I believe the Lord gave me this thought to encourage me in a simple truth; as deep and pervasive as sin was and can be in our lives, His love is deeper still. How do I know this?

Jesus came! The Lord knew the depth of our sin and still He came. He did not come in spite of our sin, He came because of it! *"In this is love,"* Scripture tells us, *"not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son . . ."* (1 John 4:10). And because Jesus came revealing God's love, each of us has an opportunity to be cleansed of sin and to have "God with us" in a way the prophets could never imagine. As well, those who have bowed before Christ are infused with hope for the coming time when God's dwelling place will be with men! This Christmas, as you celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, take time to consider and rejoice in the future available to you because of a simple truth. **Jesus Came!**

Cindy and I are having a wonderful time serving the Lord ringing for the Salvation Army. As we ring the bell, we are sharing the Gospel through tracts, conversation, and action. Even as the tracts are handed out, there have been opportunities to personally share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Cindy and I have also had occasion to pray with people as they share their life concerns and needs. As well, opportunities to encourage others with a kind word from the Lord abound. And as always, the Lord has filled the bucket for the Salvation Army, which will allow them to provide for the needs of others in the Name of Jesus. We have been truly blessed by the Lord to do this for Him as part of our ministry!

The Lord allowed us to have a presence for Him in the Lights Fantastic Parade. We have five lighted banners displaying Scripture we carry in the parade. The Scriptures declare His birth, the reason for His coming, His substitutionary atonement and its purpose, the uniqueness of the way of salvation, and a call for decision. This is a silent march by us; the Scriptures speak. The thousands in attendance this year saw His word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict their hearts with either the joy of their salvation or the truth of sin, righteousness, and judgment and lead the lost to repentance. Cindy and I would like to thank Sister Cathy Wilkins and Brothers Jason Bond and Rob Eovaldi for their willingness to bless the Lord by helping us carry the banners this year.

We ask for your prayers for the following:

- **A Time to Ring** - Lord willing, Cindy and I will continue this facet of our ministry through December 24th.
- **Superbowl Outreach 2020** (1/30-2/02) - I will be serving with a team from Sports Fan Outreach International (SFOI) to preach the Gospel to the Superbowl crowd in Miami. Please pray for Holy Spirit conviction upon those who hear the Gospel. Pray also for our team leader, Evangelist Joe Toy, our team, and all the other teams from SFOI and other groups that will be proclaiming the Gospel to the crowds.
- **Mardi Gras 2020** (Feb. 20-26) - Please be in prayer as preparations begin for this outreach. Men, if you have never been a part of this outreach and the Lord is calling you to join us, contact me.
- **Preaching** - Expounding God's word to His people is one of the great privileges the Lord has given. Please be in prayerful agreement with us that the Lord will fill this calendar as He wills.
- **Evangelism Training / Community Outreach** - Coming alongside those who desire to reach their community for Christ is one of our great joys in ministry. We are asking the Lord to grant us more opportunities to do this. If your church or ministry group desires to reach out and wants help, please contact us.

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout the year. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are truly thankful you are a part of this ministry to the Lord. If He calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus Comes,

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~Cindy's Bottom Line~

God has promised His people that in Christ our greatest need is met. Have a Merry Christmas as you remember **Jesus came for you!**

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