

NEWSLETTER 2023-6

To: My Fellow Saints and Well-Wishers

Date: December 11, 2023

Re: “. . . **You shall call His name Jesus, . . .**”

It is indeed a blessed opportunity allowed by God to continue serving Him as He desires. Let us continue to love one another as brothers and sisters as such is God’s desire and it’s all to His praise and glory!! (Psa. 133; John 13:35; etc.).

Today, I will not be presenting a summarized study as it has been in previous newsletters, instead I will (1) make some brief comments relevant to the topic introduced and (2) a poem that God laid on my heart December 5, 2023. **I am asking you to focus on three references: Matt. 1:18-25, NB Vv. 18-25; Isa. 61, NB Vv. 1-6; Heb. 2, NB Vv. 9-13.**

The Word of God is clear about the definition of marriage, and therefore the prevailing confusion among so many as to what marriage is not necessary. Similarly, so many each year celebrate Christmas and do not understand the real reason for it (**unfortunately so!!**). **Christ’s coming to earth need not be a confusing matter and the objectives of His earthly ministry are clearly documented in Scriptures:**

1. In the Old Testament see: Gen. 3:15; Isa. 42:1, 4; 61, NB Vv. 1-6; Hosea 11:1; Micah 5:2; etc.
2. In the New Testament we have a powerful documentation of His coming and accounts of His ministry. For example, the Gospel of John presents Christ as the Son of God. **Note seven witnesses in John’s Gospel:**
 - (a) **John the Baptist** John 1:34.
 - (b) **The Father** John 5:37.
 - (c) **The Old Testament’s Verification** John 5:39.
 - (d) **Jesus Christ Himself** John 8:14.
 - (e) **The Holy Spirit** John 15:26.
 - (f) **Believers** John 15:27.

“The great challenge left us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasing secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas.” (Bill Crowder)

The Amplified Bible translates **Matt. 1:21** as follows:

*“She will bear a Son, and **you shall call His name Jesus** [the Greek form of the Hebrew Joshua, which means Savior] for He shall save His people from their sins [that is prevent them from falling and missing the true end and scope of life, which is God.”* (Emphasis mine).

Please read Matt 1:18-25, NB Vv. 21-23.

Oh! That as we celebrate the coming of Christ to earth, we give Him that which He deserves and is required of us! The reality is, it is all about Him! He must be glorified in all that we do!! He must be lifted up in our praises and our daily lives!!

Mary's child (Matt. 1:18-25), Jesus Christ, was (is) the infinite unlimited God, who took on humanity with its limitations (John 1:14) in order to die for the salvation of all who believe on Him (John 3:16). Many today, focus only on the festivities of the season and either completely ignore Jesus Christ or place Christ as secondary, instead of giving Him the preeminence (Col. 1:15-20).

We must keep in mind that the cradle points to the cross and "The Way of the Cross Leads Home!" **Can we with grateful hearts thank Christ daily, for securing our salvation, giving us the assurance of eternal life in His presence for eternity!!**

In Matt. 1:18-25, note also that Jesus Christ fulfilled Isaiah 7:14; Jesus was God in the flesh, as a result God literally was (is) among us, "**with us**". He was not only here for 3 ½ years but is with us in the person of the Blessed Holy Spirit (John 14:15-18; Rom. 8:2, 9-11; Matt. 28:20). And, yes, beloved, He is coming back again!! (Acts 1:9-11)!! Let us exalt Him!! Let us lift Him up!! Let us magnify Him!! **Let our life-style DAILY live out His standards!!** Christmas is about victorious living!! Victory because the Savior has come, come to seek and save those who were lost!! It is victory for the whosoever will and this victory is applicable in any area of our lives!!

The song "Redemption Cometh" Partial quote.

Redemption Cometh, praise the Lord!
 What a wonderful freedom, glory to His name!
 I'm out of the bondage
 I'm into God's freedom
 Redemption cometh, praise the Lord!

He lifted me up
 From the miry clay.
 He planted my feet
 On the King's highway,
 And that's the reason why
 I sing and I shout
 My Savior came down, down, down
 And lifted me up, up, up.

In the Rock I'll hide
 In the shadow I will abide,
 When the storms of life are raging over me,
 In the Rock I'll hide.

The Poem: **“You Shall Call His Name Jesus!!”**

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Beloved, Jesus came to deliver; indeed, to seek and to save!
 From the tyranny of Satan; to deliver us, God, His Son He willingly gave!
 Troubled sea, boisterous winds, threatening conditions – turbulent waves,
 Irrespective of the prevailing conditions, remember God’s love is universal, it fills the airwaves.
 Sin is destructive, separating us from God, it makes us hopelessly depraved,
 But there is victory for all, the Liberator has come! No need to be enslaved!

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We have a reason to be happy, we have a reason to rejoice, Oh. Let the joy-bells ring!
 Don’t be downcast, lift up your heads and sing!
 Jesus has come! All your cares! All your burdens freely to Him bring,
 The veil was rent, there is open access, we can daily, hourly to Jesus, cling,
 Keep nothing back, He knows it all, so open to Him and tell it to Him, be it big or small things,
 With Him nothing is impossible! He is! He is! He is the King of Kings!!

Bishop K. Wright
 December 5, 2023

Website Update

In my previous Newsletter, mention was made of my computer problems. The great news is that the computer has been replaced but my son was also in process of refurbishing my office and was not able to have everything in place, as it relates to the computer. We had one session via “The Team Viewer”, but we do have some remaining areas to address.

The project will be further addressed when he returns later this month. Your continued prayers are highly appreciated including praying for my son (Darren) who because of his work and the chaos in congress his job has become more demanding. I do give God thanks for my son’s continued commitment and see his help as direct result of God’s continued care.

Psalm 32, parts A and B are now completed and will be posted by early to mid-January. In regards to the series in Mark, I have completed two lessons and planning of completing the remaining three most likely by mid-January. My next lesson will be Psalm 40 which I am hoping to have completed by the end of January if possible.

I am closing with the following song titled **“Caribbean Medley.”** *By Donnie McClurkin*
Partial quote

. . . I am under the rock, The rock that’s higher than I (but the rock is higher)
 Jehovah hide me, I am under the rock the rock (oh yeah)
 (Go tell my enemies) Go tell my enemies, I am under the rock (yes I am)
 Jehovah hide me, I am under the rock)

. . . Jesus name so sweet, Emanuel name so sweet

Jesus name so sweet, Emanuel name so sweet
Jesus name so sweet, Emanuel name so sweet
Jesus name so sweet, Emanuel name so sweet

. . . Every rock, me rock upon Jesus, Jesus' name so sweet

Every rock, me rock upon Jesus, Jesus' name so sweet
Every rock, me rock upon Jesus, Jesus' name so sweet
Every rock, me rock upon Jesus' name so sweet

. . . I've got my mind made up and I won't turn back

Because I want to see my Jesus someday
I've got my mind made up and I won't turn back
Because I want to see my Jesus someday

Finally note a quote by Pope Paul VI

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice."

I was touched by these words by the Pope and pray that they words resonate positively in the lives of so many millions who know of Jesus but do not know Him personally.

My prayers that you and your wonderful family (irrespective of where they are living) will have a truly blessed and wonderful Christmas season and as we close 2023 that His abiding presence will be with us all along the way irrespective of the various challenges that we may experience throughout 2024 and beyond. Our hope is built wholly and solely upon Jesus Christ!!

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