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We Are The Reason For The Season!

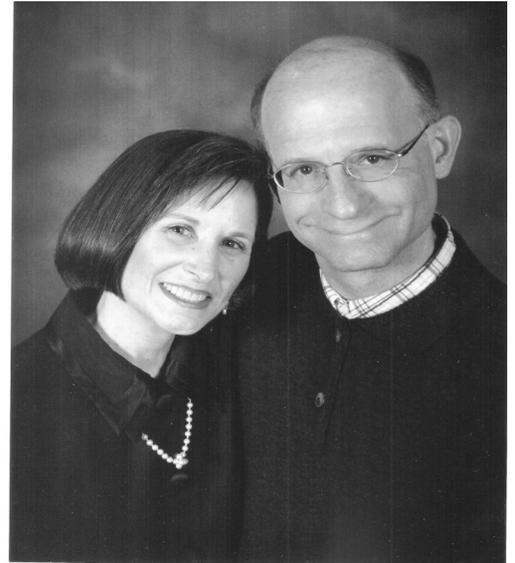
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*May God richly
bless you!*

Tom & Debbie

We just finished another 'Christmas Season' with many saying: *Jesus is the Reason for the Season* but I think the reality is, rather, **We are the Reason for the Season!** Now, before you lobby to have me tarred, feathered and runoutta-town-ona-rail... patiently bear with me as I explain, filling out this most foundational Biblical purpose of God. In fact, Christmas is the but the center of God's wonderful plan for US! And, even better, for my own sake, His desire is that I realize that **I am the reason for the season;** I am the reason for everything, that is, while still under God's number one plan and purpose in all time and eternity: **the Glory of God!**

If not for us, there would be nothing of the physical realm. God has never needed anything at all! He is complete in Himself, in His Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit but what did He do... before Creation, even before He created angels, when It was only Himself within Himself... the Father planned us, He chose us for Himself, to create the bride for His Faithful Son; *'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.'* Eph 1:3 Thanks, Paul: That really says it all! He chose and planned every moment of our lives, especially the instant when He would call each of us, giving us His precious gifts of repentance and faith to believe, which would only be possible with the willingness of the Son to be born as one of us, offering Himself as the only Sufficient Sacrifice for all the sin of His beloved Bride and, eventually, for all Israel. Then He created; the pinnacle of His Creation was Man, under whom He placed all Creation; He created **for** Man but He also planned Lucifer and the Fall of Man in order to further His Great Plan of completing His Glory which will finally reach its full expression



after He creates the New Heaven and New Earth over which we, as His Bride, will rule and reign forever with Him, while never ceasing to pour out our praise and glory to Him as we will be always in remembrance of all He has done for us; then, He will be fully Glorified throughout all His Creation, even through the angels and humans who rejected Him, resulting in their eternal confinement in the Lake of Fire. After the first sin, resulting in our all being born with this nasty sin nature we all battle, one of His very first promises was: *'And I will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed (Jesus Christ); He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.'*^{Gen 3} (you, Satan, will only wound Him but He will destroy you, eventually to the Lake of Fire) That promise was the first OF the coming Redeemer but it was given FOR Man, for his comfort and hope. Many other O.T. Prophecies were given of the coming Redeemer. Daniel was given the marvelous prophecy of The 70 Weeks which would pinpoint the very day of that Redeemer's coming to present Himself as King but also as the True Sacrifice for our sin; it also prophesied the destruction and rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple, a gap of time during which we see the creation and building of the True Church, the coming 7-year Tribula-

tion after our removal in the Rapture, the future Antichrist and Israel's final glory. That magnificent Prophecy was not for God's sake, it was for Israel's as Absolute Proof of the Truth of God, His Word and their long-promised Messiah. It was also given for our Faith in the same and to be the most perfect proof we could offer in evangelization. Then comes Christmas which, again, did happen and was recorded for Israel and for us! We are the true reason for the season! Then His Life, Death and Resurrection were all for us and, even though we really could say it was all for Him, having been the Father's Will and Plan to create and present to His Faithful Son, a pure, spotless, holy and beloved Bride to have and to hold forever! Jesus promised us: *'Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.'*^{John 14:1} Did Jesus give that promise for Himself? No! It was given for us, for our faith, hope and comfort. When Jesus said, *'I will come and*

receive you unto Myself,' He was referring to the Rapture. Since His return to Heaven after His Resurrection, He has prepared special living places for each of us, I believe, in the coming New Jerusalem. Of the Rapture, Paul told us: *'But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, (believers who have died) that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.'*^{1Thes 4:13} To Titus, Paul called this *'our blessed hope!'*^{Titus 2:13} These, again, like all of God's Word has been given FOR us. In The Revelation, the Lord Jesus Christ says to John this very specific thing: (Jesus) *'Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches (us) which are in Asia'*^{Rev 1;} all of God's Word has the same obvious objective: this is written for us! Peter writes: *'Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now*

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reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.' 1Peter 1:9

God's first promise was for us; all of the Old Testament Prophets were writing to/for US! All the Gospels are for US. The Christmas was for us: we are It's reason; all the Epistles are written for US; the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John is for US!

Everything God has ever done or ever will do is for US. What He has done which is, for Himself, is that all He has done and ever will do is for His Glory but even that magnificent culmination is FOR US, in that, when we finally reach our own fully consummated, integrated, glorified eternal selves, our highest purpose and satisfaction will finally be achieved in our fullest ability to praise, honor and glorify Him forever!

But until then, what is our highest achievement, fulfillment and goal in these mortal but born again, Earthly bodies... we have been created for two things: to Love God and to 'learn to, to work to' faithfully love each other: 'Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind; charity (love) envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth

not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth.'

1Cor 13:4 Love never fails!

Peter tells us that our entire endeavor on Earth, as believers, is to learn to love; '(He) hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him... hath called us to glory and virtue:... that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...

giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness (love is kind); and to brotherly kindness charity (love).

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2Pet 1:3ff Everything we are commanded to do build upon each other until the ultimate goal: to love God and Believers unconditionally. This, then, is the ultimate goal of every true believer on Earth: all of God's Revelation of Himself is given to us that we would gratefully choose to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ through our choosing to truly love each and every one of His

chosen and elect Bride, especially the unlovable ones which is only possible because the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, revealed Himself and chose to come to Earth FOR US to save us and to recreate us as ONE with Him.

And so: We are the Reason for the Season 'I am the reason for the season.' I am, and you are, meant to personalize all of Scripture, all that God has revealed of Himself and all that He has done and ever will do in that, He did it all and revealed it all for ME and for YOU, that we would know and understand some of His ever-unfathomable Love, Grace and Mercy for US that we would, ultimately and forevermore, pour out our praise, glory and love unto Him from within our future eternal, glorified bodies as we more fully realize and understand all He has done and will do for us, because of His unimaginable Love for us!

This, then, is the real story of Christmas! Maybe this is the year He comes for us! Look up! Your redemption draweth nigh!

If this was even a little confusing, read it once more, slowly... it will sink in!

P.S. In case you still have a little Christmas spirit of giving... my computer has grown quite old and tenuous... I really need a new one... a new and versatile laptop. If the Lord would lead you to help in this... Thank you and God bless you!

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