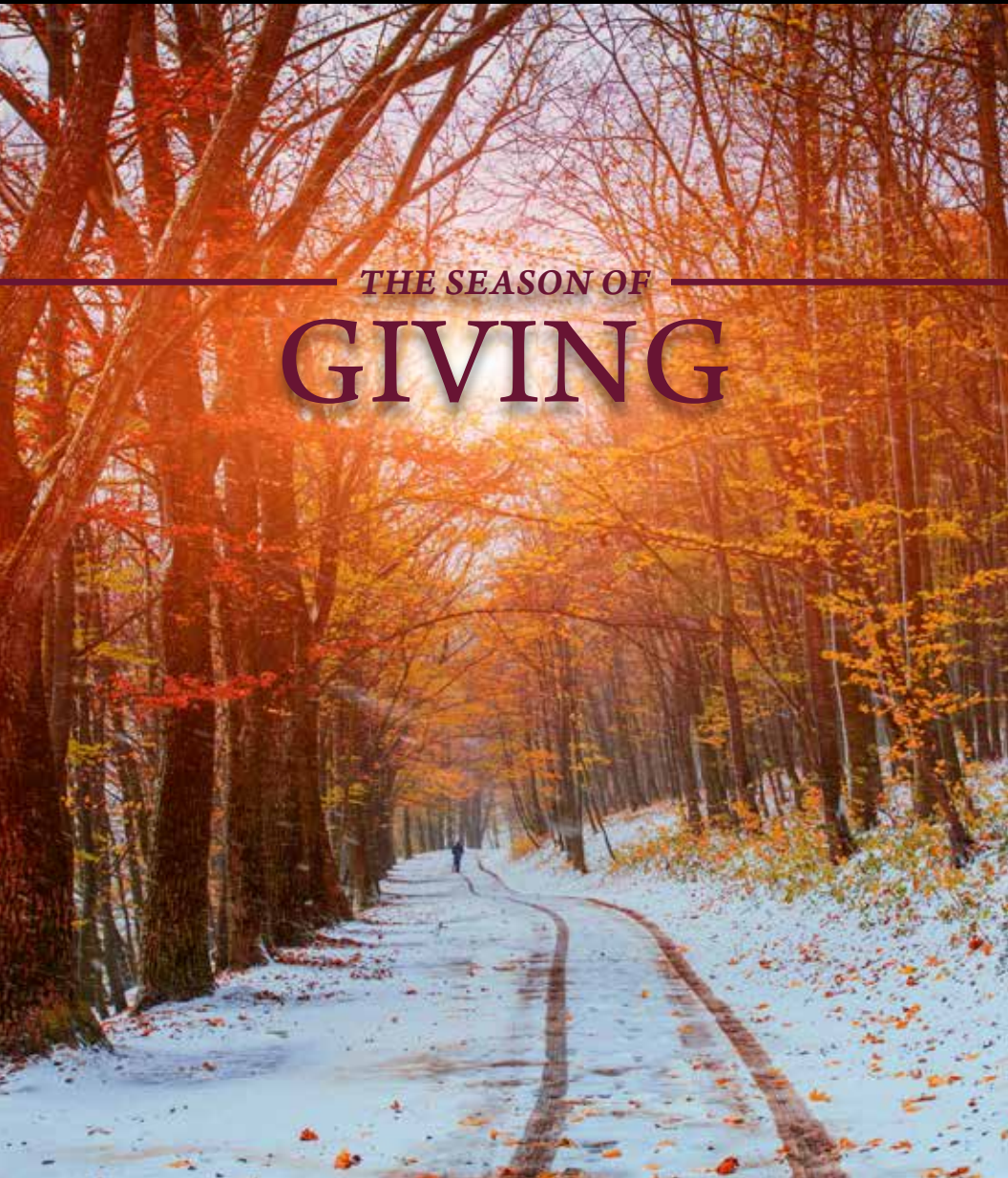


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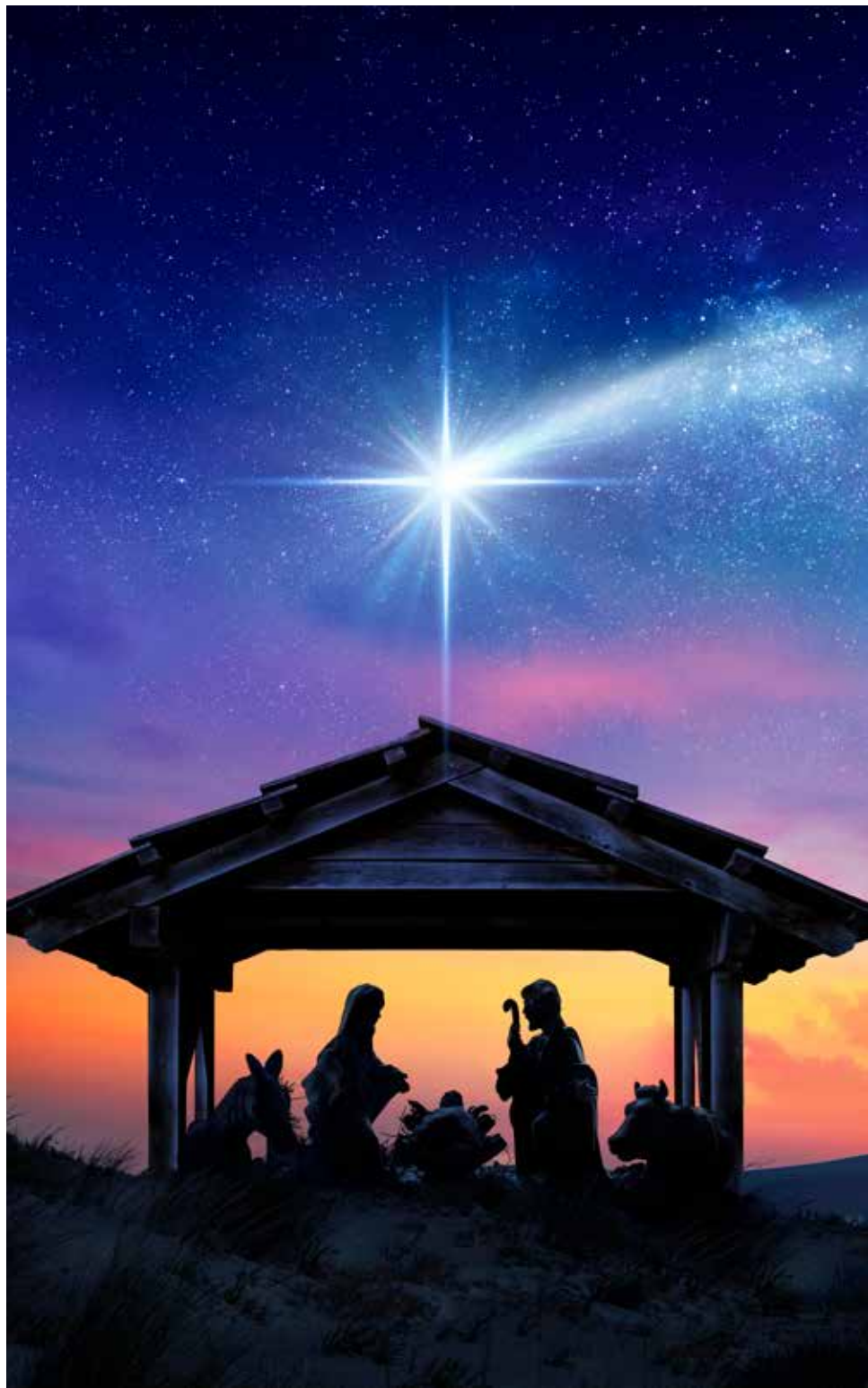


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BFC Editorial

Dear Friends!

God Bless all of you as we are in the Season of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. It comes and goes so quickly and here we are in the season of Thanksgiving. It is difficult to organize this edition as it covers both Thanksgiving and Christmas. But here we are, a great time to enjoy the Lord, family, friends, and prepare for a new year.

Be encouraged that the Lord, our God, is always and has always been in control. You know the outcome. Often, we receive prayer requests and prayers for help in a fallen and difficult circumstance, whether here in the USA or Africa, or India many are struggling. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love, and self-control. So let your light shine and love others. It is recommended to spend less time on social media platforms and less listening to the news outlets. Of course, be informed but seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness.

In 2025, BFC has added Pakistan to its latest mission partner. All year we have been writing and sending pics from “Jesus Christ Ministries “. In fact, we were to travel there in October, but we had to reschedule the trip to a later date. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Lahore region of Pakistan.

BFC moved into a position in working with other churches and congregations in the greater NY and NYC area this year. There have been several inquiries concerning our Community Programs. All of which are available on our website (bramanfoundation.org).

Financially, BFC has contracted with a grant writing organization that has helped us write grants to enable BFC to expand its funding. BFC receives on the average per month, 3 to 4 inquiries for our programs to be taught in India or Africa. We would like to be able to expand our footprint and work with more orphanages, elderly programs, and help support those in need.

Finally, we are so grateful for your supportive letters and your kind and encouraging words. In addition, your financial support has been so supportive. Thank you and God Bless you all. We pray for you and wish you and your families and all our partners a most festive Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. God Bless you all!

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

In His Presence,
BFC

The 2025 Scripture:

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16



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Asapalli

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Here at Asapalli we have just completed our annual Vacation Bible School. We had over 300 children attend from age 3 to 18.

All went very well as we have had several children give their lives to Christ.

Asapalli's School continues to grow and serve the community. We now have nearly 1200 students attending daily from around the area.

Asapalli's Hostel is at a full capacity of 200 children. We have had our struggles recently with our staff but we thank God that all is well.



Asapalli VBS October 2025

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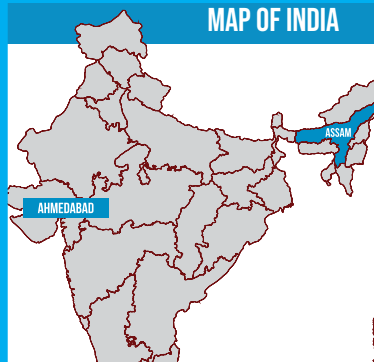


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A Positive Christmas

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy."

- Matthew 2:10

Our theme, "A positive Christmas" suggests there is or could be "a negative Christmas." What's wrong with Christmas? This is a question that we frequently hear. The answers take various forms – "too commercialized"; "Christmas is paganized"; "we have lost the Christ in Christmas." To some extent all of us may agree with such criticisms, but whatever of fault there may be in the celebration of Christmas, its correction lies neither in criticism nor into coming to and becoming a part of the negative trend. The minus must be counted by the plus. Let us apply the principle of overcoming evil with good. In other words, if we take something out of or away from our modern-day Christmas, we need something worthwhile and good to replace it.

Perhaps our problem is not to put Christ back into Christmas. He was and has always been there. Our problem is to get Christ into the other 364 days of the year. Basically, isn't this our problem with all of life. We all say we are Christians. We want to be associated with and be a part of Christ's church. Some of us think we only need to act like Christians while we are at church and the rest of our lives we can live as we choose. This is why we have so many problems in life.

The story of the Wiseman will give us suggestions on how we may do this. Matthew writes concerning them: "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were coming into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshiped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented to him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

First of all, let us find joy in Christmas. Follow the Wiseman's example, who "rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Joy is a contagious thing; your joy will kindle another's. How many hearts will feel joy because you are joyous? Let us create an atmosphere of joy and happiness no matter where we are. You will be surprised how this catches on and how many people begin to have the same feeling.

It was a star that stirred the traveler's joy. It was a sign. The wisdom and joy of these Wiseman was not that they had seen a star (they could pick up a star on any clear night); their joy lay in the significance of this star. This star pointed to the birthplace of a King. A modern Christmas of lights is more than a thing in itself. Like the ancient star it is a sign. At Christmas time we find joy at the source. What a thrill it must be to stand at the source of a great river, such as the Mississippi, or

the Nile. Those Wiseman of old stood at the source of joy. Preceding them were the shepherds to whom the angel said, "Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy." Draw near to the babe – at Bethlehem's gate there was a spring of water, but here in the stable was the real spring of Bethlehem, which issued the most joyous of all the religions of men and kind.

Finding joy we have the joy of 'finding'. Some of us may have lost the Christ. Remember Jesus stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost boy – and note the joy that came with their finding. Here in the cradle at Bethlehem is to be found him who has been lost to many. Of course, it should be put to the other way, for are not we the ones who become lost?

Indeed, we are the lost sheep. We are the ones that have strayed from the flock. Some of us are lost and perhaps do not even know it. What a wonderful feeling it is when we are finally found, for God is always searching for us.

By his autobiographical account of how he became a Christian, C.S. Lewis reminds us in his book, entitled, "Surprised by Joy", that joy can also be a means of bringing us to God. And even the man who comes to God through his sorrows must sing with joy when he arrives. Of course, if the pursuit of pleasure monopolizes a man's life, it can cause him to forget God. But it is equally true that pain, dedication to one's work, even service to others can also crowd God out of a life. Protestantism in particular should be able to reinterpret the importance of pleasure and take a more positive view of the joyous Christmas season.

In other words, we have to strike a happy medium or a good balance between work and play and helping others. Life cannot be pleasure all the time; nor can it be work all the time.

The failure to wrestle positively with a question of how pleasure fits into the life of the Christian is at all times a serious shortcoming. But, as we stand on the threshold of the age of automation and the prospect of more leisure for all, the failure to come to terms with pleasure may be catastrophic. As man spends less and less time in his work and more in relaxation and recreation, it will be tragic if the church finds itself unable to relate Christianity to pleasure as well as to work. The Christmas season offers the perfect opening for Christian interpretation of pleasure.

Find joy in Christmas – the joy of expectancy. By

the intense awareness that the babe of Bethlehem is Emmanuel, God-with-us, we have the anticipation that he will triumph over evil in the world, even over sin and death.

At Christmas time there is much of fun and frivolity and pleasure. Let us not treat it negatively; rather let us add to it, from each of us, a portion of contagious joy.

Secondly, let us put worship into Christmas.

The Wiseman fell down and worshiped the child. They certainly gave us a good example to follow.

There seems to be something spontaneous about their act. They were in the mood to worship. Their joy became the means of bringing them to God. Even when a man comes to God in sorrow, he finds joy and worship. The days of true Wiseman were quiet and slow moving, not so with us. We find it more necessary to cultivate the mood, but it will come at unexpected times, when you hear the bells ring out a Christmas carol, when you see a face radiant with the true Christmas spirit, when memory brings back a Christmas scene of long ago.

Perhaps you think it isn't important to be in the right mood to worship God but I believe it is important to prepare ourselves for worshiping God. Certainly, by continual talk, chatter, laughter we shall never be prepared to meet God. I am not saying we should not laugh and have fun and talk, all I'm saying is, there is a place and time for everything and if we really and truly want to find God he's here we have to want to and we have to prepare ourselves for the worship service. This is the reason for the hymns and the other rituals of our worship service.

Christmas is exactly the same. We must know what Christmas is, what it stands for and what the celebration of Christmas does for life. We have to understand it's meaning before we can learn to appreciate it.

St. Francis of Assisi is usually credited with being the "Father of the Christmas Carol" – from "his jovial singing", came a new idea about the holiday season. Now the use of the yule tide music has become almost universal and we shout the glad tidings to the world.

"Then let us sing amid our cheer, Old Christmas comes but once a year."

The Wiseman became deliberate. They opened their treasures. We, too, can make this a positive Christmas by deliberately worshiping in our homes, by grasping a quiet and meditative moment at work, by attending worship in the church.

I hope someday we can get away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We rush hither and yon, shopping, wrapping presents, decorating the tree, preparing food for the big feast. We sometimes forget what and why we are celebrating. We become too busy. We should take time out of our busyness to really think and meditate about the true meaning of Christmas and what a difference the birth of Christ has made in our

lives. Let us take time for worship in our homes as well as church.

Thirdly, let us most definitely put love into Christmas.

"Love came down at Christmas time" is the line of a poem. Love came down to make us loving men and women. Inherent in us is the capacity to love; to love God, to love our neighbor, to love one another. I am not referring to a gushy, sentimental thing either, but a love that shows concern, a love that cares, a love that matters, that's the kind of love I'm talking about.

Let us move in our meditation out from the Bethlehem scene to Nazareth and Galilee and even onto Calvary that seeing the love of Christ we may find ourselves loving him in return. Above all love someone, a child, a wife; a husband, a friend. Make love particular.

Love by giving. Love by giving self. The giving of things without the giving of self is bare and spurious; is a negative giving. This must be a positive Christmas. Anyone can give gifts, material things, but to really give of yourself requires much more energy and thought and this is real giving. This is how Christ gave. He gave up his whole self and something that will always be remembered and appreciated.

Christmas truly is a story of divine and human love, which has a magnet-like tug on our hearts. A compelling, compassionate, and all-encompassing love explains the attractiveness of the day. Without love, there could never have been a first Christmas. Apart from the love we bring and the love we offer and receive, Christmas would be as dreary as an all-day drizzle.

We in our modern world sometimes get far away from the original meaning of events and why we should be celebrating. We tend to twist things around to suit our purposes, to meet the changing situation. Sometimes when this happens, we get too far away from the real meaning and purpose of things. Let us this year bring Christmas back and help to reestablish the true meaning of the event in our own lives and in the lives of those around us.

It is written of the Wisemen that they went back home by a different road. They walked a road they had never walked before. This may be our own experience. Put joy and worship and love into Christmas. Then you will do far more than you think to make this a positive Christmas in the world about you, and you will make it positive in the world of your inner being. You may find yourself walking a new and better road. Truly a road that will lead you to the foot of our Lord's cross.

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Matthew 5:14-16

Mityana Community Pentecostal Ministries

Missions: Uganda

Our Church continues to grow as we have now added an orphanage. We have been very busy these days. We are planning a Woman's Conference in November 18-20th. In December we are having a Community Giving Ceremony to Widows and orphans. Our Children's partner Program is under way. Many of our children are going to Primary School. We are also building a new church.



Elderly Care Program

Missions: Kenya

The program was started in June 2020 with only 4 elders who could not be able to put food on the table. But, through God's mercy, the BFC came to their rescue and put their faces in smile with a feeding program. Means of delivery by then was a bicycle.

The BFC funds the feeding program under Jomo and his team, who deliver lunch six days a week. BFC also bought a motorcycle for food delivery at their door steps. The BFC also cater for medical expenses, and once an elderly dies, it provides funds for funeral expenses. Ambulance Mortuary/Hosp bills and Coffin.

Currently, the program has now grown from 4 to 9 elders. This program has attracted the deserving ones who have been requesting to be considered to join. Jomo and his team are now praying for the BFC to get more funds and reach out to the deserving elders/orphans.



The Christmas Story

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son.”

- John 3:16

Everyone likes a good story. A good story, of course, is entertaining; but it also becomes revealing. It gives us insight. It fits into words something we have thought or felt. Not the least of the reasons the Bible is so terrible is it has so many great stories. Stories a child we enjoy; stories the wisest may not fully fathom. It's best is the one we remember and celebrate at this season of the year. Tonight we shall think together about the Christmas Story as a story.

First of all, the Christmas Story has an author. Its byline reads, “God.” We read “God” between the lines of the lovely account about Wiseman and angels, about a star and a virgin mother. They are saying that Jesus was God's idea. They are saying that God is the author of this Story.

The most famous musical setting of the Christmas story, I suppose is Handel's oratorio “The Messiah.” You may remember that it begins with a brief prelude and then a solo, “Comfort me, Comfort me, my people, saith your God.” Christmas, you see, didn't begin in Bethlehem, nor with a star in the east, nor with shepherds keeping watch over the flocks by night. It didn't begin with an imperial decree that all the world should be taxed, nor even with Joseph and Mary. It began with a redemptive purpose in the heart of God. So, the great oratorio which finds its climax in a mighty chorus of hallelujahs, displays an equal genius at its opening when that single voice proclaims a divine purpose. God is definitely the author of the Story.

When God came into the world, he came out of the past, with roots in history, and he was born in a city that had a great memory. Jesus was a branch on a full-grown tree, a shoot out of the stump of Jesse. In other words, there was a development that led finally to Jesus, through the prophets and the priest to the Master.

Secondly, every story has a plot. And the plot of the story is nothing less than the redemption of the world. The Author's theme is nothing less than the perfection, the bringing to completion, of his universe. Like every great story this one means a great deal more than it says on the surface.

The plot of the story is that mankind can be better than it is and that the institutions can be redeemed from destruction. In the regular meeting chamber of the Security Council of the United Nations there is a large mural on the theme, “War and Peace.” At the bottom, its colors are somber and the symbolism depicts discord, strife, hatred. As your eyes travel up the wall, however, you realize that the colors are becoming brighter and the symbolism less hostile and more cooperative. The very top of the picture runs into the ceiling and is unfinished - by which the artist is saying that piece is unfinished business, that the best is yet to be, that the dark and bloody past is prologue to a fair and friendlier future. That is a pictorial representation of the plot of the Christmas Story - the redemption of the world from all its sin and sorrow and suffering.

How very hard we all seek everlasting peace. Look at the effort that is constantly being poured into the obtaining it and yet how very simple the answer is. The answer is right before us. Each of us needs to accept Jesus Christ in our lives, really except him I mean, and we will obtain the piece we are seeking. If only we had eyes to see and ears to hear we would see and hear the answer to everlasting peace.

Thirdly, the Christmas Story has a climax, a place where the plot is unraveled and where all the strands in the pattern are seen in their proper relationship, a denouncement. That point, in the story, is Calvary - the place of Jesus is crucifixion.

It is not enough to think of the Christmas story only in terms of the baby Jesus. To do this is sheer sentimentalism. You have to remember that he grew up and that he formed a group of disciples and that he was an offense to the social, political, economic and religious powers of his time; that he was crucified, dead, and buried, but he rose from the dead. The real climax of the Christmas Story is the Easter Story - the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, assuring us of everlasting and eternal life with our Father in heaven.

“He dwelt among us.” That too, It's a part of the Story. He did not just appear for a moment, like a flash from across the frontiers of the world, and then vanished into darkness. He dwells among us, living our lives,

sharing our troubles, entering into our sorrows (and our joys), bearing our burdens. He identified himself with humanity at every point. And truly he dwells among us now and will always.

Christianity itself is a story. Christianity is not just a religion of influences and values of principles. It is a religion of happenings, I've events, of plain historical occurrences. Indeed the faith is based on such. It belongs to the very marrow of the gospel to assert that God came at a certain hour in history and at a certain place on earth; that he lived and died among us, and afterwards rose from the dead.

Christmas is not just the star; it is also the cross and the empty tomb. Without the latter the former would never have been remembered. The central Christian belief is that Jesus's death is the central clue to life end around it everything else we know can be gathered coherently. We do not know how history will end; but we can be sure that it will be congruent with the cross. The world may reject Jesus; but we can be sure that it is eventually judged by his stature. Pride and lust and falsehood may play the very devil with the power in human hands; but the last man to control power will be those who have clean hands in pure hearts and whose world is as good as their bond.

I do not know what the lead story was in the Jerusalem Gazette or the Bethlehem Bugle or the Nazareth Courier when Jesus was born, but it is safe to say that any mention of him would have been on the other side; not on the front page; but in some out-of-the-way corner. But that it was actually the big story is it tested by the fact that we - among millions, are gathered to commemorate and celebrate it.

The Christmas Story Is a love story; its author is love, its plot is love, it's denouncement is love. In Jesus's birth, life, teachings, death, and resurrection we have the full revelation of the love of God.

Abraham Lincoln once told of a little girl who received some beautiful alphabet blocks for Christmas. She liked them so much that she took them to bed with her on Christmas night, and played with him until she was very sleepy. Then she remembered that she hadn't said her evening prayers. So, she kneeled by the side of her bed and prayed, "Oh Lord, I'm too sleepy to pray, but there are the letters, spell it out for yourself."

That is just what God did when he gave us Jesus. He spelled out his love for us all. With her blocks the little girl might have spelled out the word LOVE. Now, of course, God might have spelled out the word in all the languages of the world, but his way of doing it was much better - he sent us a loving person to show us what love is and that he loves us. The whole world can understand a loving man.

We spell out many things at Christmas time. For

example, we all spell out "Merry Christmas." We spell out the words the angels sang when Jesus was born, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men."

Now, I am going to make a suggestion that each of us in the silence of his or her own heart spell out to God our joy and thanks because God gave us his Son to be our Savior. Let's keep spelling them out all through this Christmas season. Then, too, we might spell out our joy and our thanks in loving deeds as readable as the letters on a little girl's blocks.

In 1944 there was a Christmas Eve service in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany. The service had been forbidden but the prisoners went ahead and held it anyway. It was planned by the only chaplain, who happened to be a Roman Catholic. He asked a Jewish boy to sing a solo. And as Protestants, Jews, Roman Catholics, and those who would have had a hard time describing just what their religious faith was, joined in devotion, regards drew near. Although they were clearly reluctant to obey their orders and interfere, no one was sure just what would happen; you could feel the tension mounting moment by moment. Then, as a soloist sang "Silent Night, Holy Night", a guttural German voice joined in and soon everyone else was singing the hymn. So, the love of God includes all men, breaks down all barriers, and wipes away all tears. And this is the end of the story.

Notable / Quotable

Paul's Four Faithful



1 Timothy 1:15

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all."

BFC Commentary: Jesus Christ has come into this world as the savior of this age. For those that come to Christ shall be saved.

1 Timothy 4:8

"Bodily discipline is of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."

BFC Commentary: Taking care of our bodies, has little gain but holiness or godliness is profitable for all things for it prepares you spiritually, here and now and as you move on to your heavenly home.

2 Timothy 2:12

"If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him."

BFC Commentary: To endure with Christ is your commitment to the most High.

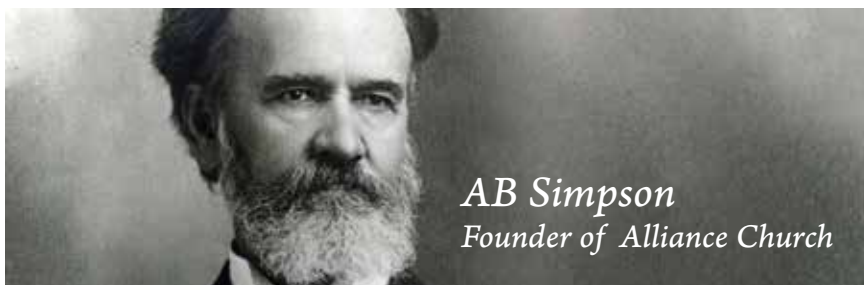
Titus 3:8

"This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds."

BFC Commentary: As a believer, you are encouraged to do good works in kingdom building.

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A Daily Devotional



AB Simpson
Founder of Alliance Church

“I bring you glad tidings” (Luke ii. 10).

A Christmas spirit should be a spirit of humanity. Beside that beautiful object lesson on the Manger, the Cradle, and the lowly little child, what Christian heart can ever wish to be proud? It is a spirit of joy. It is right that these should be glad tidings, for, “Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.”

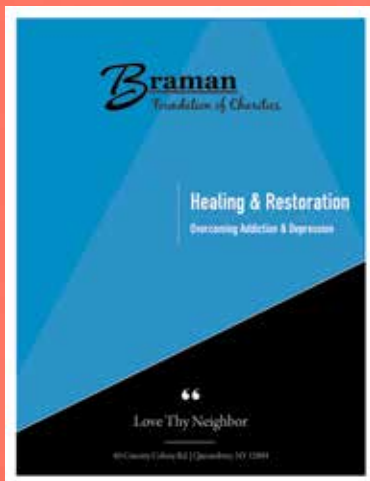
It is a spirit of love. It should be the joy that comes from giving joy to others. The central fact of Christmas is the Christ who loved us, and came to live among us and die for us, and he or she has no right to share its joys who is living for himself or herself alone.

Love is always sacrificial, and so the Christmas spirit will call us to a glad and full surrender, first to God, and then the joyful sacrifice of what we call our own for His glory and the good of others.

The Christmas spirit is a spirit of worship. It finds the Magi at His feet with their gold and frankincense and myrrh. Let it find us there, too.

The Christmas spirit is a spirit of missions. Its glad tidings are for all people.

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Biblical Studies

As we prepare for the New year 2026 it is always good to spend time in reflection to prepare for what God has in store for your new year. Be sure to ask for or order "An Understanding of Devotion".

Self-Reflection

"Search me, Oh God and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts, see if there is any offensive way and lead me in the way of ever lastingness"

Psalms 139:23-24

"Test yourselves to see if you are in faith; examine yourself"

2 Corinthians 13:5

"Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the Lord."

Lamentations 3:40

"And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your eye? Or how can you say to your brother and let me take the speck out of your eye and behold, the log is in your own eye"

Matthew 7:3-5

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An Understanding of Devotion



BFC Commentary

The Need for Self-Reflection

In the Christian world today, much emphasis is given to the concept of a testimony. By testimony, people usually refer to some story of conversion, and the more dramatic the better. The goal of a testimony is to share a story of faith to encourage others.

While testimonies are powerful stories, they are only half of the equation. Once you commit your life to Christ you aren't done. Instead, you begin a long journey of becoming more conformed to the image of Christ which is referred to as the process of sanctification.

The missing piece of a testimony is the ongoing story of spiritual growth. It focuses solely on the processes of conversion and coming to faith, leaving out the process of becoming more and more like Jesus.

This is a long and difficult process, only made more difficult by a lack of understanding of how the process works. Many Christians know what it means to come to faith, but few know how to move beyond their initial conversion and into deep intimacy in their relationship with God.

The goal of this chapter is to discuss the importance of self-reflection in the process of spiritual development. This is only one aspect of spiritual development and by

no means an exhaustive study of the topic, but it will introduce you to the role of self-reflection in your relationship with God, the biblical basis for his idea, and a simple practice to get you started.

What is Self-Reflection?

Self-reflection is deliberate time set aside to slow down in the busyness of your life to look back on your day, month or year in an attempt to learn from your experiences, desires, and feelings. In life, it's very easy to become driven by your schedule but prefer to spend downtime outsourcing your mental energy to something like TV or video games.

Both busyness and mind-numbing activities are ways to avoid self-reflection. Self-reflection runs against the grain of busy culture. It requires us to set specific time aside to be quiet, still, and alone. From this place, you can begin to prayerfully enter the presence of God and begin processing what has been going on in your life.

You can ask questions like, "Am I satisfied with what I'm doing?" Sometimes life gets so busy that you can forget why you even got so busy, to begin with. Or you can ask God, "Is my life orchestrated in such a way to make my relationship with you a priority?"

Life can become filled with many good things that overcrowd your time and mental capacity. Asking God this question may prompt you to remove things that feel important in order to create more space and time for God. Your good life may not be God's best.

Without creating the space to have this self-reflection and communication with God, you will likely operate on autopilot, being driven by values instilled by your culture, family of origin, and immediate community. Intentional self-reflection is aimed at creating space for you to sit with God and ask meaningful questions about life and your relationship with Him.

For those unaccustomed to self-reflection. It may be helpful for you to begin meeting with a Christian counselor. Christian counselors are trained to help you begin reflecting on your life experiences. They can help lead you to a place of self-reflection and train you to enter this place on your own.

What Does the Bible Say about Self-Reflection?

Some Christians have taken the position that self-reflection is too close to the concept of Eastern meditation but that is not necessarily the case. Eastern forms of meditation are designed to empty the mind, but Christian meditation and self-reflection intend to bring you into a quiet place with God where you can intimately converse with him about your experiences and emotions.

For those concerned about this topic, consider these four scriptures related to self reflection and spiritual growth.

"Search me, Oh God and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts, see if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way of ever lasting".
Psalm 139:23-24

Ask the Lord to search your heart and give unto Him all of you - all of yourself. He knows all of you, yet you hold unto tendencies that are not holy that contribute to your disturbance. Remember, "He whose mind stays on Thee is in perfect peace." He that remains in One remains in peace. Grow in asking the Lord to search you and reveal the cruteness of your heart and repair it. But you must ask because the Lord is a gentleman. Seek and you will find, ask and He will answer, knock and the door will open. You do not have because you do not ask. The Lord yearns to use all of you, not just some of the time, but all of the time. So learn to ask, "God reveal to me the gulf that exists between you and I, then expect an answer. It may be difficult but expect to listen and He will reveal.

When you ask the Lord to test you, be aware that He will. When you say show me my inner sin nature that blocks off the sunlight of the Spirit He will reveal so be prepared. You will experience pain, difficulty and hurt, but remember God will never give you more than He and you can handle. Your Lord again and again is the nearest of the near and dearest of the dear. Therefore, my friend go with Christ. For He will never fail you or let you go. He is the friend of all friends. All of us, at some point will move on, but God will always stay. This God ensures. God has a way in which to get your attention.

Do not be afraid to be in relationship with Christ or the Holy Spirit for there is no one closer. Take a deep dive and know God. Learn to give of your self, your true nature.

What is offensive to the Lord? Ask the Lord to reveal why you are separate from Him and listen to the still small voice. Holy listening is the art of growing in listening to God. Are you spending time listening or are you telling God what to do? Asking what you need? Instead of seeking Him you are seeking after His gifts. Are you?

Remember in Matthew 6:33 / Christ is saying, "seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteous and all these things will be added unto you. The gifts will be added, but first seek Him and His righteousness.

Search me, Oh God and reveal to me the sin, the gulf that exists between. What is this gulf, is it fear, that causes the gulf. If so, why do you rely on self to sustain you? Over and over you have struggled with this? And the Lord reveals your stronghold. Learn to grow in letting go of self. Seek the Lord to purify you, sort of, purge you from your difficulty. Then you will gain the knowledge of knowing. In the meantime, may the Lord bless you, keep you, and may his favor ever be upon you and may you find peace.

"Test yourselves to see if you are in faith; examine yourself".

2 Corinthians 13:5

Is your faith real, genuine? Faith is the substance of "things" hoped in the evidence of the unseen. So what are you hoping for that you have not seen that is not manifesting, as real and tangible?

Is your faith genuine by asking, by believing even though it is not by sight? Are you believing and knowing the truth? Examine your thought life. Are you constantly doubting and moving in anxiety? Seek and ask, but remain still and listen for the answer. It will come if you

wait. Listen for the still small voice, not the voice that is lying, creating havoc. "Be still and know I am God, Psalm 46:10."

Spend time daily, often in examining your thought life. Remember your thought life proceeds your physical manifestation in your life. Believe it or not you reap what you sow in your thought life.

So examine your thoughts often and seek to have a lofty, peaceful thought life, that is vision casting. Always remember His Grace and mercy is always present protecting you and lifting you up. He is your victor, you only are His instrument. Come to rely on Christ as the source of all your strength and not yourself. "Learn not to lean on your own understanding, but acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will make straight your path." For He truly is a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. Praise Him! Acknowledge Him! And grow in blessings. For God is omni-present! God is always available, always. Be forever grateful regardless of your difficulty! Amen!

"Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the Lord."

Lamentations 3:40

Lamentations has been traditionally ascribed to Jeremiah as the author but can be very difficult to read. In verse 40 in Chapter 3 Jeremiah suggests we look at ourselves, examine our ways and return to the Lord.

How are you in this command? Do you reflect upon your thought life, your actions and your ways? Is the Lord in all your ways or do you pick and choose how to submit to His ways? Examine upon whom you listen? Are you trying to live up to a standard of worldliness? Do you allow darkness to dominate your consciousness? Are you motivated through self? What is the voice in which you listen? For God has not given us a spirit of fear, rather a spirit of power, love and sound mind. Do not allow fear to dominate your thought life. Instead learn to know peace, love, joy, long suffering, the characteristics of the fruits of the spirit. Ask yourself what dominates your thought life and allow God to intervene.

Are you actively participating in a life of sin through temptation? Are you caught up in a sinful lifestyle, yet struggle knowing you are living against the will of God? Do you sense this struggle of good vs darkness? This is good. Keep seeking! Keep striving and seek repentance more.

Yet always remember the fallen nature, your self, is the enemy of the good. Goodness is in God, your God given Divine nature. Your fallen nature, on its own, can do no good. It is the world that tells you so. Only in Christ can you proclaim such goodness. do not allow the shallowness of today's preaching convince you otherwise. A saint is a sinner that never gave up. Therefore, through His Grace continue, unfold to His glory. Be of good cheer as you examine your ways, your heart and you. Does love dominate all your motivation? The love of God, the love of your neighbor and the love of self? Allow love to be your guide and you will always be righteous. Regardless of your lot, allow love to reign and know true freedom. Let love paint the landscape of your life and you will know what you will know that God is King of your life. For in the

end it is love that will prevail, love that endures and love that will bind one another.

Also, test yourself. Through this testing come to understand who you are in Jesus or are you rooted in self. Test yourself through stretching your faith. Keep on hoping and examine the manifestations of your faith. Is your faith growing or do you tend to be more self-reliant? Fear could be a motivating factor in your thought life. When self-reliance fails, fear tends to dominate. Therefore, examine yourself and learn to repent of self-motivation. Be inspired through the presence of God in your thought life. Allow the presence of God to dominate your thoughts, your actions and you will know peace. The God of Love, of Joy, of Contentment in all circumstances is the bar in which you seek. Look within and ask the Lord, "Father, Abba; Reveal to me those tendencies that cause setbacks, that are contrary to Thy ways and love!" Be ever thankful for the correction and submit to His authority in all you do, say and act.

"And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your eye? Or how can you say to your brother and let me take the speck out of your eye and behold, the log is in your own eye."

Matthew 7:3-5

Are you walking in forgiveness? You must think very highly of yourself to believe you can judge others as if you are so right? Who do you think you are always looking at others in judgment? Are you following the commands to love?

Look within, at your own self at your shortcomings and be hard on your self; but forgiving of others. Easy on others, hard on yourself. Can you do this as Christ did?

Follow Jesus, come to His cross and follow Him. He is the lover of your soul He yearns to use you, but you must stop judging others and love them. It is not your position to judge others so harshly. Try to learn to allow this gentleness, this kindness, the character of Christ prevail. Do this by putting on His nature and by putting off your "old man":

God awaits you, in peace and in love. Allow this joy to come through you and enjoy this peace.

As for judging let God play God and you a role of the servant, in humility and putting others before you always. I know this may be difficult my friend, you must do this to be accomplished in Me, sayeth the Lord.

Focus on your faults and not the faults in others. This way you will be more able to navigate through your life with less difficulties.

By judging others you heap the coals of difficulty upon your life. Learn to be the servant. 'Ibisi way you are in a role of less not more. Being a servant is a much greater role than a judge. You serve many servants role. Better to serve than judge. Why put yourself in a role of superiority? Be a servant to many.



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South Sudan

Missions: Africa

Words From Rev. Yagub Akoch

Greetings!

We hope this message finds you well. I, Pastor Yagub Akoch, along with my colleagues in the ministry, extend our warm greetings to you and the Braman Foundation of Charity.

Challenges:

Our church building recently collapsed due to heavy rains, impacting our spiritual activities and reducing worship attendance. We've reached out to various organizations, but we require \$1,000 to restore our church and continue serving our community.

Economic Situation:

The economic situation in South Sudan remains dire, with many citizens struggling to access basic necessities. Delayed salaries have exacerbated the crisis, leading to a surge in preventable diseases. Recently, our prayers were focused on the sick, including seven members who contracted malaria.

Early Childhood Education Proposal:

In response to the economic crisis, we propose establishing an early childhood education program to support vulnerable children. This initiative would provide a safe and nurturing environment, promoting cognitive development, health, and well-being. We kindly request your consideration to sponsor this project, which would greatly benefit our community.



Project Objectives:

1. Provide quality education to children aged 3-6
2. Enhance cognitive development and social skills
3. Support working parents and promote economic stability
4. Foster a sense of community and cooperation

General Problems and Political Situation:

The political situation appears stable, but disagreements between parties persist. The Sudanese government's forced deportation of South Sudanese citizens has added to the humanitarian crisis.

Conclusion:

We humbly request your support in rebuilding our church and addressing pressing community needs. Your contribution will enable us to continue serving the people of South Sudan.

Sincerely,

Rev. Yagub Akoch

South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church



Jesus Christ Church & Ministries

Missions: Pakistan

This service took place in the Sindh province of Pakistan. It is a very underdeveloped area. These are the people who truly deserve help. When Christmas comes, they have nothing to give their children. There is extreme poverty in this place. I have appointed a brother here who is working together with Jesus Christ Ministry to serve these people.



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The Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church of America

Missions: Pakistan

Words from Mission Director Pakistan, Servant of God Nadeem Samuel

Reviving Faith in Urdu: The Ministry of Servant of God Nadeem Samuel in Pakistan

In the heart of Pakistan, where the ancient rhythms of faith meet the vibrant pulse of a modern nation, a quiet but profound revival is underway. At its center stands Servant of God Nadeem Samuel, a humble priest and masterful translator my ministry bridges continents, languages, and centuries of Christian tradition.

As the representative of The Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church of America in Pakistan, I have devoted my life to making Orthodox Christian worship accessible, beautiful, and theologically sound for Urdu-speaking believers. My work is not merely linguistic—it is pastoral, poetic, and deeply spiritual.

A Ministry Rooted in Reverence

My calling is marked by a profound sense of responsibility to my community. I have translated baptismal rites, Eucharistic prayers, and liturgical hymns with exceptional care, ensuring that each word carries the weight of tradition and the warmth of pastoral love.

My translations are not mechanical renderings—they are living texts. Each phrase is chosen to preserve theological depth while resonating in the heart language of my people. Whether preparing resources for infant baptism or guiding worship leaders through ceremonial practice, my work reflects both scholarship and compassion.

Building a Bridge Across Cultures

The Orthodox Church in Pakistan is still young, but under my leadership, it is growing in strength and clarity. My ministry is a bridge—uniting East and West, ancient and modern, English and Urdu. Through my efforts, believers who once felt distant from the richness of Orthodox worship now find themselves drawn into its beauty.

My collaboration with international partners, including the Braman Foundation, opens new possibilities for exposure, support, and growth. Through platforms like Revive, my hopes to share not only the story of my ministry but also the faces and voices of the faithful who walk with me.

An Invitation to Revival

This bi-monthly feature is more than a profile—it is an invitation. Readers who feel moved by the mission of the Church in Pakistan are warmly encouraged to contribute, pray, and connect. Whether through financial support, theological dialogue, or simply sharing the story, every gesture helps nurture a community rooted in Christ and blooming in Urdu.

My ministry is a testament to what happens when tradition meets translation, and when faith is spoken in the language of the heart.

My vocation is not only to serve but to translate, to teach, and to build. As the Steward of The Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church of America in Pakistan, I am lighting a lamp --- one that burns with the beauty of tradition and the warmth of pastoral care.

We are also working on Sunday School ministry to promote our Orthodox Catechism in children so that in future they become good Orthodox Christian in Pakistan.

We also need financial and moral support for the first Pakistani Orthodox Church (Western Rite) parish to help our people to provide assistance in far off areas in my region. And to run parish activities to serve our people here for all their religious activities and needs.

We will be thankful to you for all your kind help for our newly established Orthodox (Western Rite) parish in Sargodha Pakistan.

Keep our first Mission of The Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church Of America, in Pakistan.



C&MA

Missions: India

We are starting our Annual VBS on November 3-6th.



Mandate for Gratitude

"And be ye thankful."

- Colossians 3:15

Gratitude is a becoming trait. It sweetens life, cements bonds of friendship, gives cheer to fellowship, and makes benevolence a joy.

In superior men love is stronger than hate, friendship stronger than selfishness, and gratitude is stronger than envy. It is part of morality and wisdom for anybody to be grateful to parents who have cared for him, friends who give him companionship, the community which protected him, educates him, and gives him a chance to earn an honest living. We should be grateful to all decent people who keep the peace, do honest work and pay their bills. Let us express our gratitude by initiating imitating them.

We are long on our demands, even our complaints; we are short on our thanksgivings. But it is no fault of the apostle Paul's. If the world had in it more people possessed of his spirit, there would be no scarcity of praise. Indeed if more people in our world really and truly accept Jesus Christ in their lives and if they live their lives guided by God's Holy Spirit, we would have much more peace, understanding and love in our world. Listen to the music of gratitude that plays through the epistle of Paul's chapter 1: 3, he says, "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you." Again in verse 12; "Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of this saints in light." Chapter 2: 7; "Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught abounding in Thanksgiving." Chapter 3: 17; "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Chapter 4: 2; "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

Wherever Paul went, he appeared in "the

garment of praise". Some people, if they ever wear thankfulness at all, wear it as you do a boutonniere on Mother's Day or at a wedding. Paul wore gratitude as a man wears his everyday suit. Praise was woven into the fabric of his life. He wanted it to be so with his Christian brethren everywhere. Hence this strong imperative word of our text. "And be thankful."

First of all, gratitude is a required grace. Paul doesn't locate it among the luxuries of a Christian life; he gives it a place among the necessities. "Never forget to be thankful for what God has done for you." Yes, God has done much for each of us whether we think so or not and it's about time we started realizing what these things are. How did so many of us come by the fanciful notion the gratitude is a matter of emotion and inclination? Christian thankfulness is far more a matter of humility and duty. (1) I owe it to God to be grateful: he has given me my being, my savior, Christ, and my opportunity to do something with my life, other than whining about it, or flinging it away. Indeed God did not intend for us to waste our lives or our talents he has given us, we owe it to him to do something with our lives. (2) I owe it to others to be thankful: a sunny, songful soul spreads an embracing contagion. (3) I owe to myself to be thankful: the meanness and sourness of in- gratitude are injurious to good health, whereas thankfulness and praise have a healing and true effect. We can feel sorry for ourselves, but all this does is make us miserable, and those around us also. How much happier we can be, how much more useful we can become if we can be thankful and grateful for what God has given us.

Let us recapture the glory of our inheritance. Let us recall this strength of the Pilgrim character. Let us accept the challenge to rededicate ourselves.

John 15:13 reads, "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The first Thanksgiving demonstrated a truth: to have friends, to be friendly.

Here is the story. The Pilgrims dispatched an invitation to Chief Massasoit, asking him to bring his braves to a feast. They thought he would bring about a score. But he brought nearly 100! Watching the crowd approaching- "Indian file" one of the pilgrims called: "It looks like all the Indians in the land are coming!" But neither by word nor look did they let the Indians know how surprised they were.

The Indians, too, did their part to create friendliness. They brought large gifts of such things as they had- skins, dried venison, wild turkeys, corn seeds.

The Pilgrims worked hard, giving the Indians their best. The men kept the fires going, and fixed extra tables and benches. The women baked larger quantities of cornbread, barley cakes and kept the kettles boiling with savory food.

The food dwindled, but the women kept on cooking and baking and giving thanks that there would still be enough of the bountiful harvest for the entire winter. They were thankful, too, for this opportunity to show friendship to such a large number. Are we, today, really thankful and grateful for what God has given us? Let us take time to think about this and recapture the spirit of these early pilgrims. Gratitude is a required grace.

Second, gratitude is a reasonable grace.

It is reasonable because on the lower, ordinary levels of life, it is just plain natural for us to feel gratitude. For the apostle the reasonableness of thanksgiving lies in an attitude that Christ forms and fashions within the Christian soul. If thankfulness arises through prosperity, well and good; but when prosperity fails, will you then be thankful, tempted to feel that you have no reason to offer thanks? If thankfulness springs up through health, well and good; but when an accident maims you or disease makes you bedfast, must you then become gloom and bitter, feeling that you have no reason to sing a

song of praise? But now, supposing it is through our dear Lord Christ that you cultivate the fine art of thanksgiving, then what? If it is in him and through him that I am to be a thankful soul, then money in the bank or physical health does not have me at its mercy. If I lose the one or the other pales into disease or suffering, I can still be grateful. If we place the value on the right things in life, when tragedy does stake our lives, we can still be grateful for what we have.

1st Thessalonian 5:18 says; "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you." It is true that the wealthy person is not always the most grateful. Some of our wealthiest people have used devious ways; they have used other people to gain their wealth; they have made the acquiring of wealth the center of their lives and then left God entirely on the sidelines. How could they be grateful except to themselves, believing that what they have acquired is due to the fact entirely to their own abilities.

The grateful person is always the happiest. He is happy because he knows where everything he has, has come from. He realizes without God at his side, the world would be nothing, and he would have nothing. He has taken the self out of this life and replaced it with God. Self-retentiveness has been removed from his life and when a person does this, he great gains happy beyond belief.

The happy person is he who has learned to express his things in terms of giving. The giving isn't necessarily in terms of money. It generally is in terms of the giving of self in service to others, and especially in service to God. You know, regardless of how poor we may be in terms of wealth, we still have plenty to give in terms of oneself. The grateful person is happy and has learned to express his things in terms of giving of himself to God and his works.

Third, gratitude is a ripening grace. The full meaning and measure of it does not come all in an instant. What Paul is really saying is this: "Brother, Christians, I know you have the flower of gratitude planted in your hearts. But I want you to cultivate it. See to it that it grows. JB Phillips takes Colossians 2: 7, "Abounding with thanksgiving," and draws it out in modern English thus: "Grow out of him as a plant grows

out of the soil it is planted in, becoming more and more sure of your 'ground'; and your lives will overflow with joy and thankfulness."

Psalm 107:1-2 reads; "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble." We should be living thankfully, and we should be giving thankfully

You should live thankfully for your parents. Thank God for them and let them know of your thankfulness. Too often we take our parents for granted, never stopping long enough to thank God for them and appreciating what they are doing and what they have done.

Live thankfully for your peers, your friends and companions with whom you feed and have fun and fellowship, giving thanks to God for them.

Live thankfully for the privilege of pardon and petition the Lord to forgive the many sins that continue to plague our souls. What a privilege we have as Christians; the privilege of forgiveness, granted to us by our Lord. Be thankful for it.

Live thankfully because of your problems, and face them head on, making them steppingstones. Life is not, and never will be, free of problems. If it were we would have no challenges. Accept the problems. Work them out and from the experience gain wisdom for the future.

Live thankfully because of your potential and for the opportunities to develop your church life, Christ life, business life, and home life. God has given each of us individual talents and abilities. It is up to us to put them to work for the establishing of his Kingdom on this earth. Thank God for them and that we are able to use them.

Live thankfully because of the privilege of preparing for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Indeed we should be preparing for Jesus is coming again; for he is coming and if we are not prepared, we will be lost. Being thankful for everything in life and every part of our lives will give us joy and peace and happiness.

Fourth, gratitude is a rewarding grace. It is this on three counts. (1) It exalts God. Ingratitude is an insult to the Almighty. Thankfulness glorifies

God and by mysterious reflex action, glorifies man. (2) Thanksgiving expels gloom. We are to be transmitters of Jesus' joy. (3) Gratitude encourages graciousness. "Let your speech always be gracious." Away then with whispering. Away with the rasping voice of complaint and the judicial eye of fault finding. Away with the rudeness that can find more things over which to be bitter than of things which to be praised. Thanksgiving is the politeness of the soul.

Thanksgiving is the time to highlight all of our thankfulness, but it certainly isn't the only time to be thankful. Our hearts should be thankful constantly for everything God has given us. Try to be thankful and see what a difference it makes in your life.

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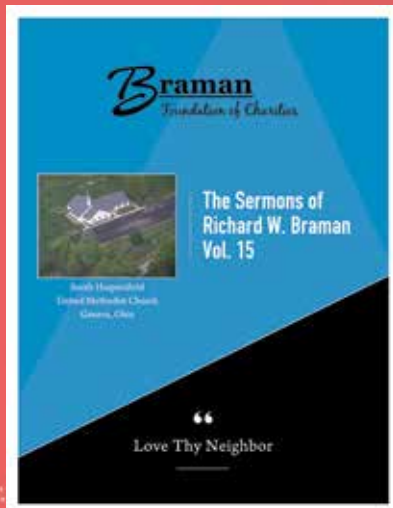
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Missions: India

Words From Umakanta Guru

Respected Brother,

Loving greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are so much grateful to you for upholding us and the ministry in your prayer. This is to let you know that it is the season of puja and festival time around the country worshiping idols with decoration & lightning everywhere. So today we have divided into small groups in various places with our believers to pray for our country and its people to know the truth and also the Lord may protect our nation from blind belief and idol worship. We have announced a special prayer day today to pray for our country and for which we have already started from morning to till evening 5.00 pm today. Therefore, we also humbly request you to kindly pray for our country and its people, so that the Lord may protect our nation from Satan and the people may believe in Christ, who died on the cross for everyone may know Him personally.

With regards

Yours Sincerely

Umakanta Guru

Odisha State, India



St. George Foundation

Missions: Sierra Leone

ST GEORGE FOUNDATION (SGF) UPDATED REPORT FROM

1st July to September 30th 2025



Key Activities Undertaken During This Period.

Referral
School support
Recreation Activities
Medical

Referral Cases



St. George Foundation with support from Peter Braman Foundation was able to receive two vulnerable young girls whose age are 10 and 12 years old. These children were received at our Interim Care Center (ICC) where they were provided with temporal shelter, food, medication and psychosocial counseling. The cases of these children were documented by social workers who has been very instrumental in searching for their biological families. The two girls have shown the zest on how to overcome their challenges through the mentorship programs implemented by our social workers and the children has been very cooperative in sharing their stories with organization. The stories of these children are so sadden ranging from poor

parenting, family separation, poverty and lack of opportunities to attend school. St George Foundation field staff are still yet to locate any family member as the children continue to stay in the home.

School Support



St. George Foundation with support from Peter Braman Foundation supported vulnerable children at the ICC with school and learning materials. This support was provided to forty-five (45) children, they include 21 girls and 24 boys. The package includes back packs, books, pens, pencils, rulers, shoes, uniforms, school charges, daily lunch and any thing that support their schooling.

With this support the children are enthusiastic to attend school and remain in school to the end of the day and subsequently for the school year. As a result

of our action, these children are taken away from the street permanently and given better life through proper parenting at the ICC. They serve as model to their peers in school who because of lack of good parenting may want to abandon school and be on the street. Their stories discouraged such children from taking such ventures.

Recreation Activities



St George Foundation has provided conducive environment for the children to play and have fun. We ensure that after school and weekends they have enough time to play and get fun through which they rebuild their esteem and discover their talents. Playing for children stimulate early child development, SGF has learnt that playing brings smiles on the faces of children and more especially children make friends and strengthening their resilience in over-coming their challenges.

Medical



The organization was able to provide medical support to 5 vulnerable children. These children fell ill with deferent medical conditions and through the care givers at the center were taken to hospitals for medical attention. All 5 of them returned to the center hail and hearty. Also, the children are medically checked periodically for their wellness and to prevent any crises among them at the center. This measure has ensured less spread of communicable disease at the center over the years.



Turning Point Ministry

Missions: Africa (Ethiopia)

Words From Missionary Francis Losuswi

I am fine, the Lord Jesus is the good shepherd to my life and my family as well. I am in isiolo so far I have not gone back to illeret and Ethiopia. I am doing gospel outreach in my villages around my town. My ministry name Turnpoint Church international. Brother Braman, I am praying for these two churches to be connected. Try your best to pray and look for someone who should be willing to support the construction of these two churches. I am planning to go back in illeret border of Kenya and Ethiopia soon if the will open the way fund. The place is very far from my home town is about 900 kilometers from isiolo my home town to the border.

Thank you looking forward to hear from you again.

May the Lord bless you abundantly.

Yours in Christ Jesus ,

Missionary Pastor Francis Losuswi



SPURGEON'S CORNER

"Lo, I am with you alway."

— Matthew 28:20



The Lord Jesus is in the midst of his church; he walketh among the golden candlesticks; his promise is, "Lo, I am with you alway." He is as surely with us now as he was with the disciples at the lake, when they saw coals of fire, and fish laid thereon and bread. Not carnally, but still in real truth, Jesus is with us. And a blessed truth it is, for where Jesus is, love becomes inflamed. Of all the things in the world that can set the heart burning, there is nothing like the presence of Jesus! A glimpse of him so overcomes us, that we are ready to say, "Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me." Even the smell of the aloes, and the myrrh, and the cassia, which drop from his perfumed garments, causes the sick and the faint to grow strong. Let there be but a moment's leaning of the head upon that gracious bosom, and a reception of his divine love into our poor cold hearts, and we are cold no longer, but glow like seraphs, equal to every labour, and capable of every suffering. If we know that Jesus is with us, every power will be developed, and every grace will be strengthened, and we shall cast ourselves into the Lord's service with heart, and soul, and strength; therefore is the presence of Christ to be desired above all things. His presence will be most realized by those who are most like him. If you desire to see Christ, you must grow in conformity to him. Bring yourself, by the power of the Spirit, into union with Christ's desires, and motives, and plans of action, and you are likely to be favoured with his company. Remember his presence may be had. His promise is as true as ever. He delights to be with us. If he doth not come, it is because we hinder him by our indifference. He will reveal himself to our earnest prayers, and graciously suffer himself to be detained by our entreaties, and by our tears, for these are the golden chains which bind Jesus to his people.

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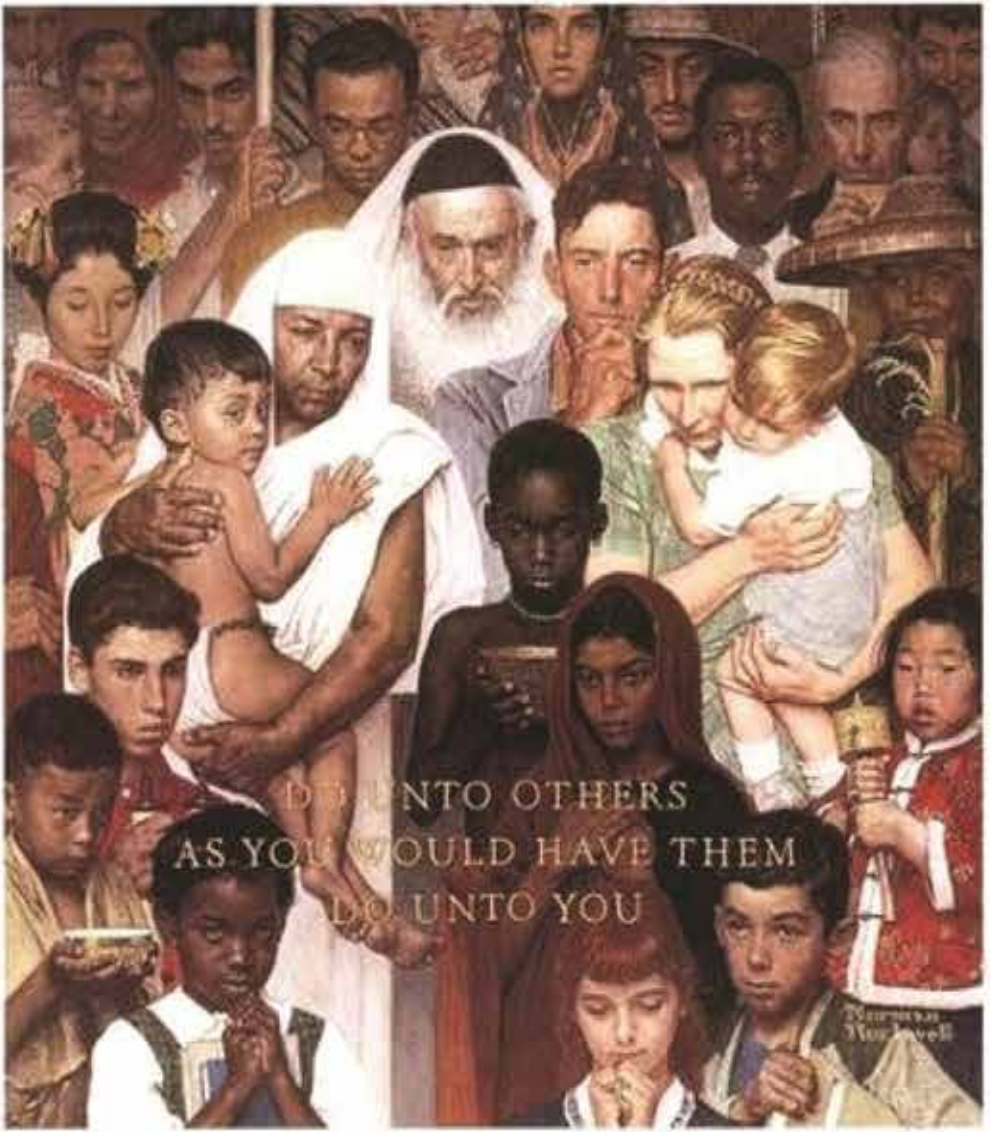


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