

# CHRISTMAS LETTER



The first Christmas was God's gift to suffering people "He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty." Luke 1:53

## Christmas Wishes

- *May God comfort you in your sorrows*
- *May God bless you with spiritual blessings*
- *May your life be filled with meaningful friendships.*

## Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

It was a simple scene that first Christmas. A young couple in a rough unsanitary stable with a tiny baby to care for. Not the sanitized manger scenes we see so often today. An event of which few took notice yet an event would change history.

The birth of Christ spoke of hope no matter how dark the world looked. The people of Israel were struggling under the boot of Roman oppressors. The life of Christ spoke to the fact that life is rarely easy yet God meant for his people to have hope.

Israel had been promised a Savior who would suffer and be glorified (Isaiah 53). God's gift was a child who would take away the sin of the world.

Christmas says that what matters is a gift from the heart. God gave a child wrapped in rags. Even wise men look for gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God's heart, not His pocketbook, was in the gift.

God's gift valued relationship over riches. Wealth has never done much to improve the lot of mankind. All too often it leads to problems as illustrated by the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11).

God's gift spoke of promise. A baby is a bundle of promise. What will he or she become? What contribution will be made to the world? What joy will the future hold?

This is God's Christmas gift when He says we can be "born again." We can see the world with new eyes. We can have a future and a hope. We can have meaningful relationships with other people and with God. God's only condition is that we see our own need and are willing to receive His gifts.

**"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."  
James 1:17**



**May your Christmas be filled with peace, joy, and meaningful relationships.**