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## Christmas Blassings from us to YOU

## **True Christmas**

"The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God and heaven without hell." William Booth, founder and General of the Salvation Army from 1878-1912. Sadly we are seeing this prophecy coming to pass in our lifetime.

True Christmas means religion with the Holy Ghost, Christianity centered on Jesus Christ, forgiveness with repentance, salvation with regeneration, politics with biblical standards, heaven and hell. Let no one rob you with a faulty gospel or political correctness. Jesus Christ took on a flesh body to come and die for us! That is the miracle we celebrate. The Word, the promise of God, made flesh. Emanuel, God with us! Emanuel, God is in us!

Trusting Jesus frees us to love and serve one another. Relying on the Holy Spirit gives us the courage to meet each new day with renewed vigor and purpose as He renews our youth like the eagle. Christmas means we no longer have to rely on our own works but rest in Jesus' work. Christmas means we have a hope to offer to a dying world, a world full of fear, pain, anger and shame. Christmas was not only a physical event, but a Spiritual event of the highest nature.

"How can I say thanks for the things He has done for me," is the first line of one of the most loved Christian songs of the last 35 years. That line certainly applies to all who are in Christ. It is a true expression of Gratitude. "Things so underserved yet He gave to prove His love for me." You just cannot outdo that! He reached down for us! He left the glories of heaven to live among us so we could experience the essence of His life through the Holy Spirit as forgiven and empowered servants of God. Our gratitude for Him, sincerely expressed openly on planet earth, could do more than all the evangelists of this generation. People are most convinced by a satisfied customer, not by the salesman. Isn't that true in your life? It has always been the testimonies of others about a particular car, restaurant, neighborhood, church, or computer which has caused us to look in that direction. And so it is with us, we draw people to God as we magnify the glory of God, expressing our gratitude for what 'He has done for us." Think about it. If 12 men changed the world, what about today's numbers?

God is so good that He would include us in what He is accomplishing on the earth. That means all of us who have understood that it is far better to give all that we are for the cause of Christ than to receive all the riches this world has to offer. It is very encouraging to us in a world that cares little about the lost, the captives, the oppressed, the prisoner, the addict and alcoholic, the prostitute, the abused, the children that need parents who know how to love, yes, it is encouraging that we have like-minded friends like you who do! Thank you for the tremendous support that you have provided for us through the years.

"Let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.

Gal 6:9 Amplified Version

Mary had a little lamb, His fleece was white as snow.

And everywhere that Mary went, The Lamb was sure to go.

He followed her to school each day, T'wasn't even in the rule.

It made the children laugh and play, to have the Lamb at school.

And then the rules all changed one day, Illegal it became;

To bring the Lamb of God to school, or even speak His Name.

Every day got worse and worse, and days turned into years.

Instead of hearing children laugh, we heard gun shots and tears.

What must we do to stop the crime that's in our schools today?

Let's let the Lamb come back to school, and teach our kids to pray!

The next day John sees Jesus coming unto him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29



John & Eileen Sala Family & Ministry,

Completely my heart and soul have been touched forever because of your ministries and the Word, Jesus!! Thank you for loving me and treating me like a loser. My blessing comes by knowing "God" now better than ever before. Understanding more clearly "God's" laws. My mother, if able to see her soon, will see the different me I have become by the Word!!! EC

I lost my brother the day before I got here and just talking to you and coming here has really shown me a better way and I hope I can only give back 1/4th of what you have given me. I want to know you are one of the people that has been a huge part of my recovery and I owe you more than I could ever pay back.

This class has taught me I need to fill my love tank with the spirit before I can fix my problems. It has also taught me boundaries—no means no. Without boundaries in our lives it can swirl out of control. We also need to communicate our boundaries to those we love so we know what one another's boundaries are. I need to make the right choices in every day life and value the wonderful things I do have in life.

I've learned I did come from a dysfunctional family and I need to break that chain in order to live a full and happy life. I need to admit to my partner that not all my anger is towards her—it is the pain I have felt all my life starting with my childhood.

I've learned the true solution to my problems is a true spiritual relationship with God. Through God all things are possible—without him my life will stay on the same painful road. I'm not sure how to begin this new relationship with God but I am willing to do whatever it takes to make my life happy for the woman I love and my entire family. I've started praying and it does give me an inner peace I have never felt before. So I know this will work. Thanks for this opportunity. It has taught me to look at things with a better stronger attitude. Much appreciation. Justin

## **Prayer From Prison**

Prayer is one of the best free gifts we receive
I asked God for water, he gave me an ocean
I asked God for a flower, he gave me a garden
I asked God for friend, he gave me you
If God brings you to it, he will bring you through it

Happy moments praise God Difficult moments, seek God Quiet moments, worship God Painful moments, trust God Every moment, thank God

Mr. & Mrs. Sala, just wanted to say thank you for your ministry. Of course I am in here because I was disobedient to God. He told me several times to quit but greed and addiction took over. This is a rude awakening and it's sad it took this to bring me closer to God. I have been in church for years but while I was at home I hardly ever read my Bible. Now this is the first thing I do every morning, faithfully read my Bible. I have learned a lot during this Bible study and I am anxious to receive the next one.

May your ministry be blessed beyond measure. Thank you again for your ministry. DB

## Dear Partners,

I have just come back from 17 degree weather with serious wind chill in Kansas and it is really nice to live in Florida!! I visited with my son, Daniel and his family. They are accomplished Tai Kwon Do artists and it is fun to watch them at practice, especially the 7 and 10 year old.

Our sincere thanks to Forest Hilton for doing our taxes and being so very helpful to us. I like to think he keeps me on the straight and narrow! I accompanied him to a Avon Park Rotary in October and was able to give testimony and talk about Little Lambs. We are still the best kept secret in the county!

2nd Chance Ministry and I were able to share our ministry at Bible Fellowship Church last month. Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Guzman shared about their recovery ministry. They have made Bible Fellowship their church home. I think my favorite day of the week is Wednesday Bible study with the men from Second Chance. Last week we started our biblical study of the genealogy of Jesus and what does Christmas have to do with Him. We started in Genesis and are in the gospels.

Hopefully, this month will see the repair of the south side of our building. We have lots of damage to the siding just because of aging and the previous sinking problem. 2nd Chance Ministry will be helping us with this problem.

Please continue to pray for us in the New Year. We will be starting a new thing with new staff. And always remember to pray for our students. Pray too, that as we cast our bread upon the waters, that it will return to us

Much love to all of you and our prayer for a very blessed and joyous Christmas for you every day!! We are a blessed people! With Jesus in our hearts, it is Christmas every single day!

Your servant, Eileen Sala