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"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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Dear family in Christ,

Happy Birthday ...

Gen 25:34 (KJV) Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

What a shame it is that the Bible records first mention of the wonderful truth of birthright in such a shameful way. But alas, such is the depravity of man, and God does not gloss over it. In the New Testament, the best birthright comes with the second birth, the new birth, which makes the believer a child of God. In short, it makes him joint heir with Christ, such that what Jesus owns, he owns. It doesn't get any better than that! God has made Jesus to be wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption to every born again Christian!

When dealing with new converts, I always try to remember at some point to remind them to write down in their Bible that day of their conversion, the day of their new birth. While preparing this letter, these things were on my heart because of a young man whom God allowed me the privilege of leading to Christ at Baldwin State Prison in Georgia this month. The interesting thing about him was that prior to the preaching service, everyone sang the Happy Birthday song to him. Not only was it his birthday physically, but it became his birthday spiritually! In all, there were 7 men who professed faith in Christ in the 2 nights of meetings there. Let's pray for them to become fishers of men there as they serve out their sentences.

Whenever we have prison meetings, we always try to have services at the local county jail also. This month, Richard P., Eric P., Eddie G., and I held 8 preaching services at Baldwin County Jail in Georgia on Saturday. There we held 2 services with the ladies, and 6 with the men. These jails have large turnover of inmates, as opposed to most prisons, which have a more static population. Typically, in the jails, there are more inmsyrd who are new to being incarcerated, making them more fearful and broken than those in prison. Be that as it may, we were able to lead 49 men and women to Christ as God made Himself known in their midst. In each dormitory we left a good stack of Gospel booklets and tracts for the inmates. We also were able to distribute two boxes of Rock of Ages study Bibles to those inmates who had no Bible. Would you pray for these new converts to become mighty men and women of God?

Linda and I were in Michigan for the wedding of our grandson, Josh, on the 30th of September. On the 27th, we preached the midweek service at Harvest Baptist Church, in Grass Lake, MI. Harvest is one of our supporting churches. We had a wonderful with them, and hopefully they were blessed by the preaching of God's Word. We love you, and thank you for your prayers and support. We are blessed!

We remain in Christ's Intensive Care,

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