



# Unto us a Son is given

Christmas 2020

Dear Prayer Partner:

Well, it's that time of the year again – the Christmas season, my favorite time of the year! I love the traditions, the lights and decorations, the music, the gifts and, of course, the food. It is the one time of the year when *everyone* has to acknowledge that Christ came. It is a historical fact that a baby named *JESUS* was born in Bethlehem in A.D. (the year of our Lord) who was claimed by many to be the virgin-born Son of God. Indeed, He was “declared to be the Son of God with power...” (Romans 1:4). I have accepted Him to be this, plus everything else He ever claimed to be.

Christmas is a wonderful time for **Giving**. This is one of the joys and thrills of the way we celebrate it in our culture. But in the midst of our giving and receiving gifts, let's not forget the greatest Gift and the greatest Giver of all. In Isaiah 9:6 the Bible tells us, “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...*” The child being born speaks of His humanity. The son given speaks of His deity. He was born in Bethlehem as the Christ *child*. He was *given* as God's only begotten Son to die for our sins on the Cross of Calvary.

At Christmas, we always try to give the **best** (we usually search many sources to find), most **beautiful** (we wrap them in the most beautiful paper with the nicest ribbons and bows) and the most **blessed** (those that bring the greatest joy and the most satisfaction) gifts to those we love. When God gave His Christmas gift to this world, He certainly gave Heaven's Best, the most Beautiful (the One who is “*altogether lovely*”) and the most Blessed gift possible. Indeed, when God gave His Son, He blessed us with the greatest present the world has ever known. No wonder “*his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace!*”

I think that most of us will agree that we are about to conclude one of the most difficult, dangerous and even disturbing years that our country has endured at least in my lifetime. These are “perilous times” and we believe no doubt the days just preceding the coming of our Lord for His church. Although we will not have to go THROUGH any part of the Tribulation, the church will have to go up TO it. So, we don't expect things will get any better, unless, of course, we have an old-fashioned, Heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival in our nation. Our only hope is one of these: REVIVAL or RAPTURE. I prefer the latter but would be grateful for the former.

These are troublesome days for sure but thank God the year is ending with the joy and blessing of **the good news of Christmas!** God's Word tells us, “*Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord....saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men*” (Luke 2:10,11,14). So, in the midst of all the turmoil that is going on in the world, the child of God can have the peace of God that passes all understanding because of Who we celebrate at Christmas.

Joyce and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a most joyous New Year in JESUS. For all of you who pray for us and support this ministry, please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for partnering with us in this great effort of reaching our military for Christ. Please remember them during this special season as many are scattered throughout the world. Also, please pray for our faithful military missionaries, many of whom are serving overseas. We love you all and remain....

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff & Joyce Alverson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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