

Rejoice

THE LORD HAS COME

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2018 Christmas Letter

Dear Friends,

Christmas to many of us is a time of **REFLECTION**. Dottie and I are **REFLECTING** on the goodness of God. It is wonderful to know Him as our Savior. We love all the traditions of Christmas: the sights, the sounds, the music, the gatherings – all touch our hearts and make us look forward to this special time of the year. But above all Christmas is a wonderful time to **REFLECT** on the reason for the celebration. We love **REFLECTING** on the babe in the manger, but His purpose for coming to the earth, through the miracle of the virgin birth, was to set an example for life, die on an old rugged cross for the payment of our sin and to victoriously rise again from the dead so that we might have eternal, abundant life. Hallelujah what a Savior!

Christmas is also a time where **GIVING** is emphasized. We remember that God **GAVE** his Son that we might have eternal life. We celebrate by **GIVING**. We can **GIVE** Him our heart as well as our devotion and obedience. We can **GIVE** others the gospel, the example of the Christian life and our unconditional Christian love.

Christmas is also a time for **GRATITUDE**. Dottie and I are **GRATEFUL** for life. We realize it comes from Him. We are also deeply **GRATEFUL** for eternal life. Both of us and each of our children, and their children, have given testimony of receiving Christ as their Savior. We are so **GRATEFUL** for that. Please pray that we, and all our family, will live our lives for Him and be used of Him. We are **GRATEFUL** for our health. This past year has been filled with some physical difficulties for Dottie and me, as well as our son Mark; but God has met our needs through it all. We are also **GRATEFUL** for the opportunity this year to preach and promote missions in churches and Bible colleges and to see precious souls saved. To be used of God is our desire. We are also **GRATEFUL** for our partners in ministry who have been so faithful to pray for and support the work that God has called us to do. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Merry Christmas to you all,

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