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Christmas is Coming! It's the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus; God's promise to become "flesh" that makes "His dwelling among us" (John 1:14). **Christmas** is about Jesus!

This "baby Jesus," this Lord of lords" and "King of kings" ([Revelation 17:14b HCSB](#)) is God's glimpse to us of the cosmic struggle between good and evil, as a vast array of powers and authorities line up against Him. Yet, by this birth [of the Lamb] we are promised that, in the end, it's through Jesus' humility and self-sacrifice that they are overcome. This is Good News!

All promises of God are fulfilled when Jesus came. That battle and Jesus' **centrality** and **victory** in it, is the focus of our holiness today. Jesus wins and He call us chosen and faithful followers to live holy as winners. This Christmas celebration of the JAMES DAVIS DOOR POST Newsletter is a 2020 vision of "HOLINESS."

("Therefore, as He was coming into the world, He said: you did not want sacrifice and offering, but You prepared a body for me. He then says, ...I have come to do Your will... ." (Hebrews 10:5, 9a HCSB).

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"

Financial Support is Urgently Needed!

THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV).

"THE MOTTO: "FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"



THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter ▪ Third Year

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"HOLINESS:" God's beautiful holiness is the complete perfection of His attributes such as power and goodness. It has been said that the "**serene beauty** of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world next to the power of God (Blaise Pascal)." Holiness is beautiful ([C Psalm 96:9](#)), it's not just outward beauty. It's beauty that radiates from within. This is the way the world will be changed. It starts with "**you and me.**" St Francis of Assisi quotes: "**Sanctify** yourself and **you** will sanctify **society.**" "How **little** people **know** who think that **holiness** is dull. When one meets the real thing... it is irresistible (C.S. Lewis)." Whether we agree with these statements or not, we can agree that **Holiness** is something we all should aspire to in this life. It's God plan.

THE BIBLICAL TERM HOLY: Is associated with God's redemptive plan of separating from the world that which He chooses to devote to Himself. It means we become associated with the character of God's revealed Word, Jesus. When time became ripe for the saving work of Jesus Christ, His redeemed ones became Saints (meaning "holy ones"). The Cross made this possible by inaugurating the fulfillment of the preparatory teachings on the holy ones (OT). This opens the way for God's Holy Spirit, to indwell His people (NT). People that God separates for Himself become holy ones, as He is. People made holy are seen to carry weighty responsibility. Interestingly, not only can people and things which are holy be corrupted, but also contact with the holy ones can transfer holiness to the corrupt ([C Lev. 21:6,12,15; Ezek. 44:19; 46:20; Exod. 29:37; 30:29; 1 Cor. 7:14](#)).

WHERE DO WE FIND HOLINESS? Old Testament times it was Jerusalem, the holy city, called God's holy mountain ([C Ezek. 20:40](#)). New Testament times it's the Temple. Today, the church is God's home. It is the new holy place with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. God shapes hearts daily. Jesus, the true "Holy One" meets all the demands of God's righteousness ([C Romans 3:21-23](#)). By His birth, death and resurrection, this perfect Jesus, dwelling among us, salvation is accomplished. The inauguration of the age of the Holy Ghost begins ([C Romans 1:4](#)). Followers are baptized with this Holy Ghost. This enduring promise for believers, in every generation, is the empowerment that makes us holy. God's Holy Spirit does it. It's the holy heart that's built by God. All saints are built into a church where God is quite at home. Christmas begins it all! ([C Eph. 2:20-22 NLT](#)).

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JAMES DAVIS EML Newsletter (Continued)

**CELEBRATE JESUS
Have Hallelujah Fun.
It's Christmas Time.**



**SEEK KINGDOM VISION:
"HOLINESS!"**

Pastor Eugene Collins, III

- * **Holiness:** means we are expected to live separated or set apart. How careful do we consistently obey God's commands to live in the world but not of the world? (C John 17:14-16; 15:19). What questions are we asking this Christmas?
- * **Biblical Instructions:** Do we say, "Oh I do that," but do we really do what we are instructed to do? Most of us will admit we come up short. Some reasons are, we are not completely focused on our ultimate salvation. We are too distracted by, **here and now.**
- * **Do we meditate:** on each instruction stated in 1 Peter 1:13-21? How does vv 14-15 help us better understand what holiness involves?
- * **God's HOLY People:** are marked off and separate from the world by our attitudes, actions, what we say and do. People should know that we are Christians in this Christmas Pandemic. **Holiness** requires that we confess all ungodliness we see and pray about areas where we aren't as holy as God is. Be thankful for the birth of Christ!

HOLINESS IS GLORIOUS! "THE DOOR POST" Feature Article

The **"HOLINESS OF CHRIST"** is God's plan for Jesus to bring true renewal; opening our eyes to His light and ears to His Word. Jesus would remove darkness of our sin and give us the light of life by His sacrificial death. Jesus is God's very Words and very Life. A confusing claim: how can someone be fully human and fully God? But this is the Gospel of Christmas.

THE GOOD NEWS is relevant because when light and life become flesh and bone we have real hope for freedom from the dominion of darkness and silence of death. Light can't be sacrificed. Words alone can't take the painful consequences of our sins. The only way our sins can be removed is if the Word can bleed, if the Light can be cut, and if the Life can die. God, saw a world under threat of darkness and death. He sent Himself to die like the Passover

Lamb, and secured light and life for all people. This 2020 Christmas, lets see it for ourselves. Allow the Holy Ghost to open our eyes to God who creates all things by His powerful Word. See Jesus as the creating Word who became flesh to be the lamb of God for us.

HOLINESS IS NOT INTENSITY: Intensity is not a fruit of the Holy Spirit! The ability to laugh at ourselves is key to holiness. Yes, we are to take Jesus seriously but not ourselves to seriously. A good sense of humor is the link between holiness and humility. Respond to God's Good News with prayer, celebrate with laughter, joy, music, with rejoicing and confession. Thank Him for the cleansing He gives through the washing of His Word and the conviction of His Spirit. Tell the Christmas story to all generations. Have hallelujah fun. It's Christmas!

THINK IMAGE: What's God Doing? Jesus' birth includes tense and painful moments: a marriage falling apart (Mary, a pregnant virgin with Joseph her fiancé), political deception (death to every boy two years old and under by Bethlehem's king), escape from dangers (warned in a vision, family flee to Egypt.), even infant slaughter (Like Moses, Jesus escapes infant slaughter and will rise up as Redeemer once and for all). (C Matthew 1:18-25, 2:1-23; Luke 1, 2; John 1; Exodus 1:22). Yet for every difficult scene, God is fulfilling Scripture. This shows that God will use even opposition to bring His plans to fruition. Jesus accomplishes complete obedience to the LORD.

DEVINE CONNECTION: God has divine connections lined up for our lives. There is power in connection. Connections lead to life. When the spirit of a person and the Holy Spirit of God come together, new birth takes place. When God's children come together in unity, God commands His blessing (Ps. 133). When the disciples came together on the day of Pentecost, there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Devil fears connection and aims to cut us off from God. He tries to: split marriages, split relationships, divide churches, denominations, communities, to keep us disobedient to God's Word. During this pandemic our communities are connected through the TV, internet, phones, and social media more than ever before; yet there's folks isolated from God than ever, as seen by massive disobedience resulting in increasing COVID-19 cases and death. Everything seems to be going wrong. We seem to be losing our Christmas Celebration Spirit to selfish desires and actions of others. God Still Desire Holiness!

PONDER THIS IMAGE: Nowhere in God's Word does He associate a man in a red Santa Clause suit with **HOLINESS.**

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE: PRAISE AND WORSHIP, C.O.G.I.C. Youth Department!



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