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In 2021, "VICTORY OVER EVIL, JESUS WILL REVEAL IT" has been this year's theme. From issue one "Revelation," until this twelfth edition, we've allowed Christ's instructions to penetrate our hearts and our circumstances.

This Christmas, as new variances of COVID-19 continue, the excitement of accelerated activities can raise our pulse. We feel compelled to celebrate with Christmas scenes and sounds in the middle of such turmoil. And yet, our love for the **Prince of Peace** should go deeper than any temporary stressors.

This Christmas, every situation boils down to a simple truth: Our heart is either far from God, or being led and transformed by Him [[C Romans 8:5-9 KJV](#)]. Recognizing the **transforming** scenes and sounds of Christ provide wisdom for every interaction. Let's celebrate that we have received Immanuel, which means "God with us."

What are the **CHRISTMAS SCENES And SOUNDS** in our lives? ([C Galatians 5:22 AMP](#)). This December issue of James Davis E.M.L. DOOR POST Newsletter will help us understand what "**CHRISTMAS SCENES And SOUNDS**" are pleasing to God!

"WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"

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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!"



Glory to God
in the
highest, and
on earth
peace, good
will toward
men.
Luke 2:14

THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter ■ Fourth Year

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"CHRISTMAS SCENES And SOUNDS:" It's easy to get caught up in the bright lights, ten foot trees, all the traffic-stopping decorations, and worldly jamming, bluesy songs that promote human love, but these things can never fill our soul. Enjoying Christmas trees, lights, wreaths, snowmen, shopping, gift giving, Macy's Thanksgiving parade, Santa Claus, reindeers, elf's, drinking and dance parties, isn't the only **scenes** and **sounds** of Christmas. The scenes and sounds that exemplify closeness to Christ are His nativity scenes, Christmas hymns and carols that point to the long-expected coming of Jesus. [[C Isaiah 61:1-2 NIV](#)]. Three wise men, an angel speaking to shepherders, great light from the Christmas star, a huge angelic choir singing God's praises, animals, Mary, Joseph and the most important precious figure is the tiny baby in a manger, centered in the scene, stands out from the rest, all are rejoicing in God's Glory and Peace [[C Luke 2:8-14](#)]. A savior who is Messiah and Master has been born. Jesus! His presence signals the festivities have started. Our Savior has arrived! And therefore, so has the Christmas Celebration.

IT'S IMPORTANT: Christmas actually is not a feeling. It's about our Savior. Have we been looking for Christmas in the wrong places? Have we not given Christ His rightful place in our hearts and festivities? There's still plenty of time to find the true meaning of Christmas, to behold and adore Him. He who came to earth as a baby changed the world forever. He is the Messiah, the Lord. He has and still can change our world. He can prevent us from falling and missing the true end and scope of life, which is in God. He brings salvation, deliverance and He can rescue us from rebellions ([Matthew 1:21 NKJV](#)).

BE OUTRAGEDOUSLY GRATEFUL: Christ's birth is good news that causes great joy for us all. The manger scene is a sign to us. We can celebrate that he came to set us free from fears; sins must release us, let us find our rest in Him. We can sound out songs that focus on our celebration of great hope; we are set free, blessed and comforted. Christmas should remind us of what we long for: Christ will come again to end our suffering.

CHRISTMAS SCENES AND SOUNDS ARE POWERFUL!

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Deacon Aaron Waffer ■ Librarian
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The Door Post



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"CHRISTMAS SCENES And SOUNDS!"

Pastor Eugene Collins, III



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL MARRIED IN DECEMBER!

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CHRISTMAS SCENES And SOUNDS! "THE DOOR POST" Feature Article

"CHRISTMAS SCENES And Sounds!" Celebrating: THE MYSTERY of the manger.

* **GOD**, Himself came to be one of us: As "Word of the Father now in flesh appearing" (lyrics) [C John 1:14]

* "**O COME,**" **GOD**: For all who receive Jesus, believing in him as the true light of the world, God gives us "the right to become children of His." [Amazing!](#)

* **SOUNDS**: Sing songs that celebrate the confession that Christ is the eternal **Son** of God. He is Alpha and Omega. He is the sustainer, the ending, the mediator, the one who promises to return to make all things new. [C Revelation 1:8;chapter 22].

* **CHRISTMAS SCENES** And **SOUNDS** should be God appropriate. "Let's adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

A SCENES OF UNLIKELY'S: Some may have whispered, Shepherders are most likely smelly, dirty, and considered by many to be second-class, untrustworthy laborers! Perhaps even today, they would be the ones we would step away from, the ones we'd might avoid talking to for long periods.

THIS WORLD: Might see them as lowly citizens with questionable reputations. Yet, they were the ones chosen for the angels to appear to on that first Christmas night. They proclaimed the good news we had been awaited for generations to hear.

Mary and **Joseph** were young, poor, and likely an un-esteemed couple whom others viewed with disdain. She was pregnant, making all sorts of accusations regarding her swelling stomach.

Some may have whispered, "out of wedlock" pregnancy. Parents may consider her as a "type" of woman they warned their sons to avoid and daughters not to become. Unwed pregnancy was an offense worthy of stoning at this time. God, with His Holy Spirit, chose Mary of humble means to be the mother of Jesus. **WHY?** Did He choose the impoverished and social outcast for a significant role in His redemptive story? [C Isaiah 40:3-11].

ANSWER: He wants all of us, poorest, most shame-filled, rich and famous, to know that no one, is beyond His reach. Jesus pursues each of us, regardless of our past separation from God. He came for one purpose: to **save mankind**. God's Christmas is about His scenes and sounds, not satin's festivities.

THINK IMAGE: Peace Despite A Dysfunctional Christmas:

We can have peace, joy, even in family dysfunction! Having feelings of unease about Christmas dinner? Christ's peace can pour into us. Our love is based on a deep surrender to Him. The more our thoughts align with His, the deeper our peace. We are to love others and gently share truth. [C Galatians 5:22-23]. So Aunt's sobriety, Uncle's views and Sister's or brother's behavior aren't our responsibility. Nor, is our children's salvation. Yes, we teach them truth, but only God makes truth stick. [C 1 Corinthians 13:4-8].

Resting and realizing this frees us to express ourselves calmly and with love, demonstrating wisdom that is pure, peaceful, and kind. [C 1 Corinthians 13:13]. Instead of becoming defensive, withdrawn, or reactive. Remember when our patience falters and frustrations mount, it's okay to step away. We can take time to pray and get "powered up" by the Holy Spirit.

PONDER THIS IMAGE! In Christ, we can grab hold of peace, despite dysfunctional family dinner conversations.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

DECEMBER Birthdays:

- Sister Naticia Bryson 12/09.
- Missionary Angelica Perez 12/21.
- Sister Lizette Crews 12/23.

BIRTHDAYS

