

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY...

MERRY CHRISTMAS



and a joyful new year.



Two strangers met by the old inn gate
And passed the time of day.
"What's new?" "Oh, nothing much I think,
A child is born, they say."

Three eager watchers of the skies
Saw a new star one morn,
Straightway the ancient wise men spoke,
"This day a King is born."

Shepherds watching on a hillside
Pearled with the morning dew,
Heard a choir of angels sing.
"Lord Christ is born to you."

A woman smiled through all her pain,
A man brushed off a tear,
As Mary to kind Joseph said,
"The Son of God is here."

"Mary" Christmas

According to Luke 10:38-42



Twas the first day of "Christmas" in Bethany town;
Jesus had come to a house and sat down.
The hostess named Martha was busy as ants
Rushing in, rushing out, time for breaths between
pants.

Her sister named Mary was calm as could be,
Forgetting completely her "hospitality,"
Just sat at the feet of Jesus her Lord
Listening closely, his teaching to hoard.

When out from the kitchen Martha came in a huff,
Her hands dripping batter and all kinds of stuff;
"Tell Mary to help me, I can't serve alone!
Do you want me to work my hands to the bone?"

But Jesus looked up with a heart full of love
For a person who needed to see "from above."
"Don't worry and bother with all that's to do,
Don't get distracted and get in a stew."

"You see, very few things are really essential,
In fact, only one of all that's potential.
And Mary, your sister, has found out that's true,
And Martha, oh Martha, I want that for you!"

"So rest for a while from your many preparations,
And let me fill all of your heart's expectations.
I love you and cherish the time that we talk,
I want to give guidance and strength for your walk."

Now, over the years, we have found ourselves there
With Martha, the active, and no time to spare
For the One for whom this whole season began,
Yet now's oft forgotten for the jolly red man.

So join us this year in taking some times
Away from the bustle of tinsel and chimes,
And sit at the feet of the one Prince of Peace,
Who alone offers life with a permanent lease.

Let's think about him and his words of new life,
That free us from turmoil and internal strife,
And give us the grace all our burdens to carry,
And let us, in heart, spend our Christmas as with
Mary.

CHRIST HAS MANY NAMES. Find some of them
in the Christmas Puzzle given below:

Counselor - Redeemer - Master
Bridegroom - Messiah - Shepherd
Emmanuel - Law Giver - Prophet
Lord - Christ - Saviour - Lamb
King - Truth - Light

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SECRETS AT CHRISTMAS-TIME

We have a secret, Mommy and me;
We're just as clever as we can be.
We're knitting Daddy a pair of socks,
And we're going to wrap them in a box
That we will tie with ribbons gay-
But he won't get them till Christmas Day!

We have a secret, Daddy and me;
We're just as jolly as we can be.
We're giving Mommy a bright new locket
That I have hidden right here in my pocket.
Oh, I can't wait to hear what she'll say
When she opens her present on Christmas
Day!

We have a secret, just we three;
We're buying baby a Christmas tree.
We're going to trim it with ornaments
bright,
And all of its branches will glitter with
light.
But it's a secret, so I won't say
A thing about it till Christmas Day!

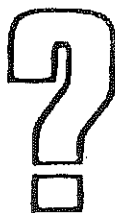
Mommy and Daddy whisper and sigh;
They've just hidden something away up high,
And I'm as happy as I can be
'Cause I know it's a secret just for me!
So, I won't even ask to play
With whatever-it-is until Christmas Day!



Christmas

Joy to the world,
The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing!





BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR DECEMBER 7-13, 1986.

1. How did Paul escape from Damascus? II Cor. 32-33? _____
2. What was accounted unto Abraham for righteousness? Gal. 3:6 _____
3. What do we reap? Gal. 6:7 _____
4. Salvation is God's _____. Ephesians 2:8 _____
5. Speak no _____ communication. Ephesians 4:29 _____
6. What mind should be in us? Phil. 2:5 _____
7. What brings redemption? Gal. 1:14 _____

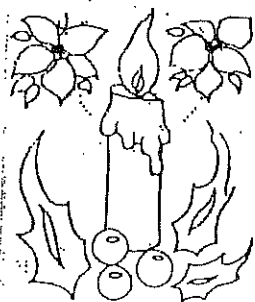


*"We know that the
Son of God is come."*

--1 JOHN 5:20

Merry Christmas

May
the warm,
guiding star
drive from your
life every shadow;
may the glad song of
angels find an echo in
your heart; may the spirit
of worship in the hearts of
the wise men, and the simple
faith of the shepherds be yours
as, once more, you celebrate the
birth-
day of
the King



*"In him was life;
and the life was the
light of men."*

John 1:4

*Jesus...
Light of the World*