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Dear Friends in Christ:

Praise the Name of Jesus! What a Joy.

As we come into the time of year we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ I am reminded of the great Joy He has brought into my life. We experience joy in our innermost being. We experience pleasure through our outer man and happiness in our soul but Joy is what we experience in our spirit. For many, Christmas will be an experience of pleasure and for others it will be an experience of happiness but for the believer it is an experience of pure Joy.

I love to think about Christmas from God's point of view. After all, Christmas was God's idea, not ours, and it has brought Him great Joy.

John 17:13 "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

Hebrews 12:2 "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

I believe there was great Joy in the heart of God about sending His Son Jesus to the earth. Just the thought of sending Jesus would bring Him great Joy.

Many who were alive when Jesus was born rejoiced at His birth and today we are still rejoicing.

Luke 1:14 "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth."

Luke 2:10 "Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."

Acts 2:28 "You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence."

Acts 13:52 "And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."

Romans 14:17 "for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

1 Peter 1:8 "Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,"

Romans 15:13 "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

1 John 1:4 "And these things we write to you that your joy may be full."

Jude 1:24 "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,"

1 Thessalonians 3:9 "For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,"

Jessie and I want to wish you a Merry, Joyful and Blessed Christmas. May you have a wonderful and blessed New Year.

Thanks once again for your friendship, love, prayers and support.

Yours in Christ, ><>wayne<><