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Christmas. What does that word bring to mind for you? Snow, gifts, family, decorations, lights, shopping, baking, turkey, travel, lights, music? Christmas means many things to many people. Like other Christian festivals, Christmas seems to have almost been taken over by commercialism. So much time is spent doing all the things we are compelled to do during this busy time of year, we have little time to think about a little baby, born over 2000 years ago. Even that first Christmas, the baby lying in a manger, did not cause many to pause.

What does Christmas mean to you and me? It means a world saved by a little baby - God, who came into our world to bring each of us salvation. Great joy and peace and love is ours thanks to that little boy born so many years ago.

May God grant to each of you the joy and peace and love of Christmas all year round.

In all the hustle and bustle of Christmas and of our daily lives all year round my prayer for each of you is that you would spend some time with our Lord, Immanuel and find in Him the joy of Mary:

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 1:46-47

...and the peace of Simeon:

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:29-32

...and the love of Christ, Immanuel
“nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:39

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