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Greetings in Jesus' Name!

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As another Christmas approaches us, we have the privilege and opportunity to reflect back on the goodness and blessings in our lives along with the disappointments and heartaches. We trust at this Christmas season that each and every one of you can rejoice and praise Him for how He has blessed you. He has given us His promise that He will return and receive us to Himself where we shall be forever in His presence.

Thank you for your faithful support in the Lord's work in this part of Mexico. It has been our honor and privilege to serve Him another year because of your love for Him and for your desire to see souls saved.

A CHRISTMAS DIAGNOSIS

The best diagnosis of Christmas was given by a doctor over 2000 years ago. The doctor is Luke, and his diagnosis is found in the second chapter of his inspired record, known to us as the Gospel according to Luke. In the 11th verse we have the message, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Note how clear is the doctor's diagnosis:

"UNTO YOU" — that is *Personal*
"THIS DAY" — that is *Present*
"A SAVIOUR" — that is *Precious*

We must remember, there is all the difference in the world between Christmas and Christ. Millions make a holiday over Christmas, and often a mockery over Christ. Too often, Christ is cruelly crowded out of the special day which is intended as a day to remember Him. Holiness is hidden under a pile of holly. The wreath is hung higher than the cross, and worst of all, the precious Saviour all too often is supplanted by Santa Claus.

But without Christ, there can be no true Christmas. Without Him there is nothing about which to sing, or anything over which to rejoice. Outward merriment, too, often becomes inward mockery to the starved soul. It is time for all to turn back to the old prescription of Doctor Luke. Let us meditate upon his words:

"Unto you"this is a personal message, and there should be no evasion or denial. What have you done with the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you received Him?

"This day"yes, this very moment, God is offering you the greatest Christmas Gift of all, His dear Son! "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift!" (2 Cor. 9:15)

"A Saviour"this is Christ, the Precious One Who went to the cruel cross for all of us. Because of His grace, and His atoning death on the cross, all who receive Him become "new creatures in Christ Jesus." (2 Cor. 5:17)

From our home to your home, we wish you a very merry CHRISTmas and may our Lord's blessings be abundant in your home and life as our hearts yearn for the soon return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



In His Service,
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