

Supporting Pastors by Ministering to Christians in Need of Guidance and Deliverance



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Dear APF Supporters,

Merry Christmas!

Since I haven't been teaching at a school this fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas has seriously snuck up on me. Yet, I am looking forward now to a Christmas season that is truly joyful. Life sometimes has tough moments, but the joy of Christmas and knowing that I do have a Savior that loves me overshadows the troubles that I have. I hope that all of you can enjoy Christmas with the same peace and assurance that He gives me.

Praise Updates:

We have a tremendous praise for the help that my aunt and uncle, Jeff and Amy Martin, have given in building our office. On Saturday, November 10, Jeff organized some of his employees from Martin Bros. Contracting to have a workday. The men came and did a tremendous amount of work—seeming to easily surpass the work that was done in two years! Amy brought out a large lunch that was great. I overheard more than one say, “I ate too much.” ☺ It has been a “shot in the arm” of hope that it will be much sooner than the previous pace. We are extremely thankful for their help.

Praise God also that we have added a few more monthly donors, moving us closer to half of the monthly donations we need. In reviewing the list of donors, it just keeps growing. I have been told repeatedly that for a first year ministry, the support is great. We are very blessed!

Some Thoughts About the Season:

What can a person who deals with the demonic comment on in regard to Christmas? Some might consider the topic of the movement for political correctness or commercialization of Christmas, but I believe that only is a diversion. In this case, I want to simply focus on the biblical truth of Christmas that began in Genesis.

Genesis 3:14—“So the LORD God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.’”

The offspring, or “seed” as some translations say, is the Lord Jesus. The serpent is Satan. Revelation 20:2 makes clear that the serpent is the Devil, or Satan. Soon after the fall of humanity, God showed the plan of salvation. The rest of the biblical story is about the working out of that plan to the end where Satan is defeated and thrown into the lake of fire forever (Revelation 20:10). Demons hate these passages because it is clear they are defeated. The passages show that God has been victorious from the beginning and always will be victorious. In spite of the deceptive work of Satan in bringing sin into the world, God's loving plan of grace and mercy took that work of the enemy and triumphed over it on the Cross (Colossians 2:15).

Yes, Christmas is to be a great time of celebration for the Savior indeed was born. As you sing Christmas hymns this year, look closely at the words for references to the Lord's coming in victory over the powers of darkness. It's not the sole point to dwell on, but it is a part of the story that we should not ignore. In Luke 2, Jesus is born, and in Luke 4 Jesus begins His ministry declaring that He has come to "free the prisoners." "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). You can include in your Christmas celebration how He came to set you free!

Prayer Concerns

In spite of the growing number of financial donors, we have reached the point where I need to add a part-time job. Please pray for us as we adjust to this change and trying to fit everything in the schedule. We don't see this as God letting us down. He can't force people to give! We are thankful for the support that you all have given already! It is intended that the part-time work to be temporary.

Second, we ask for your prayers for a continued hedge of protection. We have found that some people in the community are not fond of our work and have been putting curses on us to cause our destruction. Walking in fear is not an option! However, we still need a good prayer covering.

Lastly, we ask for prayer for the Holy Spirit to continue to continue to bring wisdom and guidance as we minister to troubled people. Sometimes I think I know the answer that a person needs, but I need to know His answer!

I thank you all again for your support. May you all have a super Christmas!

In Christ,



Ben Snyder