

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

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Dear APF Supporter:

Greetings!

Welcome everyone to winter and the Christmas season. There is something about seeing the snow fly that makes me feel like a boy again...until I have to get the shovel out ☺. Actually, I do enjoy being out in the snow, even if I'm shoveling. May God bless you all this Christmas!

Announcement:

This is the last *A Pastor's Friend* newsletter. Starting in January 2011, the official name of the ministry will be *Life of Freedom Ministries, Inc.* The name change is to reflect more what this ministry does. Some changes are necessary with the name change. First, those who contribute financially to the ministry will need to make checks out to *Life of Freedom Ministries, Inc.*, starting in January 2011. The email address is now: lfmdirector@gmail.com, and the website address is: www.lifeoffreedom.org. The old email and website will still be effective for a short time in January 2011. The mailing address and phone number will stay the same. Below is the new logo:

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



Praises:

The name change has gone fairly smoothly at this point.

God has been faithful again as supporters met the financial needs for 2010. Thank you for blessing me, and those who come for ministry, by supporting the ministry.

Praise God for one gentleman who God set free from burdens of guilt, shame, and self-blame. He was angry for being separated from his child, blaming himself and the mother of his child. As he forgave her, and himself, God was able to heal the hurt he was carrying.

Praise God for the freedom of a man who had voices directing his life. The “voices,” which were demons, were cast out in the all sufficient Name of Jesus Christ!

Something to Consider:

Matthew 1:22-23—²² *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:* ²³ *“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).*

In the last few years, the emphasis for me during the Christmas season was this amazing thing: God was present on the earth as a man. Not only that, He was actually born as a baby! It is easy for me to get sidetracked by all of the traditions and activities that are done for Christmas and forget the main point of celebrating the birth of Christ. The activities are fun, and I look forward

to them. However, I want to remember the amazing fact that God came to the earth and dwelt here with humanity (John 1:14).

Some of the questions that I ask those who come for help is if they have “ever denied that Jesus is the only way, truth, and life? Have you denied His divinity? His virgin birth? His bodily resurrection? His second coming?” At times, some clients have admitted to denying one or more of these. Obviously, with Christmas the question that stands out is the virgin birth. Doubt about His virgin birth is even held by Christians, and you can do research and find scholarly work on the different views of the virgin birth. For me, the Bible says that He was born of a virgin, so therefore, He was! How exactly God did this is beyond me, but I believe God’s Word to be true.

Indeed, Jesus’ birth was a miracle. As you read the story of Christ’s birth, or hear it being read, I encourage you to listen carefully for the miracles that happen. God chose different people to be a part of this event, and sometimes we wonder why. It amazes me how God worked everything out, and each part had a purpose. The Christmas story, each time it’s read, is a declaration of God’s goodness and love for humanity.

Immanuel, God with us. He is still with us! Before His ascension, Jesus told the disciples, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). What a wonderful promise. I hope that this Christmas will be a reminder for you that God came to the earth and that His Spirit is still with those who believe in Him.

Prayer Concerns:

Upcoming Events: *Monday, December 13, at 7:00pm* is the next monthly Bible study at the office. The Bible study is open to all. We had a few more new people again in November, and I’m looking forward to this month’s meeting. This month’s discussion will be on the authority of the believer.

Please pray for wisdom for how to expand the ministry of *Life of Freedom*, as I hope to minister to more people and speak at different places about the ministry.

Please pray for people to be blessed during Christmas, as this season can be difficult at times for people.

Also pray for a blessed new year, 2011.

Final Thoughts:

Thank you, again, for all of the support that was given to *A Pastor's Friend/Life of Freedom Ministries* in 2010. The prayer support, financial support, and words of encouragement are tremendous. As I’ve said in other newsletters, through this ministry God has done great works of healing and bringing people to freedom. You have blessed me and many other people through your support.

May God’s blessing be on each of you and your families in 2011!

In Christ,



Ben Snyder