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**“For to you is born this day in the town of David a Savior,
Who is Christ (the Messiah) the Lord!” Luke 2:11AMP,**

God offered His only begotten Son, the most precious thing He had, for mankind, in order for our debt to be paid in full. HE loved YOU and I that much! There is a song entitled “How Many Kings” and the words are profound and so appropriate during this amazing time of the year. The chorus lyrics are as follows:

*How many kings stepped down from their thrones?
How many lords have abandoned their homes?
How many greats have become the least for me?
And how many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?
Only one did that for me.*

The answer to all those questions is: 1- our Father God did that for us. When we reflect for a moment on the wonderful gift that so many of us have at one time or another taken for granted, we are left speechless. **You and I have the gift of eternal life because of what God did when He sent his only begotten Son for us.** Of course Jesus is no longer a baby in a manger. He is no longer the sleeping, swaddled child the Gospel’s so poetically announced to the world. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 17:14), seated at the right hand of the Father in total dominion (Dan.7:14) and power. He speaks forth justice and truth. **He is the everlasting Mediator between us and the Father (1Tim. 2:5). He conquered sin and death (2 Tim. 1:10). And His kingdom shall not pass away (Luke 1:33).**

In John 18:37 Jesus answered a question regarding His deity:

“You say that I am a king. For this reason I have been born, and for this reason I have come into the world, that I should testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

Jesus’ answer was so profound that Pilate inquired about this “truth.” Jesus wasn’t given the opportunity to answer Pilate but we know from Scriptures that He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). In this verse, Jesus makes it clear that He came into this world to testify (to declare, profess, or acknowledge openly) the Truth. This truth was that He was indeed the Son of God who bore our sufferings and sicknesses and all who acknowledge Him as their Savior will be saved. Before He went home to the Father, He commissioned us to go out into the entire world and bear witness to this Truth.

What are we doing with that Truth? Do we merely celebrate Christmas like the rest of the world? Some of us simply go through the motions and come January, we adopt our old routines again as if nothing special happened. **He offered EVERYTHING precious to us, what are we offering back to Him?** The world around us is in need of Jesus. **They need Jesus as their healer, deliverer and Savior. We are the only reflection of Jesus that some people will ever see on earth.** Let's let our light shine this Christmas everywhere we go. But not just during the holidays; every single day. We have been given a great responsibility and the world should see that there is something different about us. Something unique. **Remember who you serve this Christmas and don't allow the "everyday" of this life to distract you from true intimacy with the Father.**

If we could leave you with 3 things to remember as you enter into 2017, it would be these:

1. Let's seek His face not His hand -worshipping Him everyday just because He's God and we love Him (Ps. 105:4)
2. Let's be grateful and thankful for all He has provided us (health, homes, jobs, families, finances, etc- Ps. 100:4)
3. Let's acknowledge Him in ALL our ways (even the everyday, mundane things- Prov. 3:6)

Why does it seem like we run to Him only when we go through trials? **Our Creator wants a deep, intimate relationship with us.** Period. Let's enter into the New Year with an attitude of gratitude seeking every opportunity to give praise to our God and share the Truth with those around us. Our actions will testify to that Truth and our words will bear witness to it.

As you read this newsletter, our team is overseas working hard on the Annual Christmas Project. It's not too late to participate in this outreach! Whether you can contribute a substantial amount or a small one, every single gift is appreciated and prayed over. **Thank you to all of our faithful partners from the bottom of our heart! Thank you for your prayers and financial support; if weren't for you, we would not have accomplished all that we did in 2016. Because of you we have been able to rescue the forgotten ones, one soul at a time.**

From our Family to yours: We wish all of our partners a very ***Merry CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR 2017!***



-John Militaru Ministries and our entire Staff