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Merry Christmas everyone! We hope you're enjoying this holiday season with your loved ones and, most importantly, getting ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus. After all, that's what Christmas is all about for believers, Jesus' birthday! Most of us celebrate our own birthdays and the birthdays of our loved ones throughout the year. We usually have a special celebration with cake and shower our loved ones with gifts. And we **should** celebrate life because God gave us another year on this earth to fulfill His calling in our life! But when it comes to Christmas, we tend to celebrate the holiday part of "Christmas" and not so much Jesus' birth.

Here in the Militaru family, we don't do gifts for adults. We do buy gifts for our grandkids to show them how much God loves them and how blessed they are, but we explain that the true meaning of Christmas is Jesus- The Perfect Gift.

This holiday season we want to reflect on the salvation and the many other benefits that come through God's Perfect Gift, Jesus. Sadly, most Christians are unaware that this "gift" or redemption package has so much more to offer than just salvation! While salvation is the most important part, it's only one part of this amazing gift that God has freely offered to us. Salvation, healing, protection and prosperity are all part of God's gifts given to us through Jesus. This Christmas season, besides focusing on (stressing out about) the gifts we're going to buy our loved ones, we want to encourage you, friend, to meditate on and receive with open arms the complete redemption gift given to us through the birth of Jesus. You don't want to miss out on any of these benefits! And the best part is, you can take advantage of them all and receive them today.

Let's talk about the obvious one first, which is salvation. Jesus is the ultimate sacrificial Lamb, pure and without blemish, sent to redeem us from the curse of sin which leads to death (Galatians 3:13). Our sins are forgiven and we are now saved by grace through faith.

Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1:17-19

Secondly, in this beautiful package we can receive divine healing. We take healing very seriously here at JMM and in our family because we have personally received healing and have witnessed the power of God at work touching and restoring people to perfect health. There is a lie that has spread among the body of Christ, especially in the Romanian community, and it shouldn't be tolerated any longer. It is, if you are sick in your body, it means that God has allowed it to come on you so you can *suffer* for His glory or that somehow sickness is your cross to bear. God does **not** put sickness or diseases on people because He doesn't receive glory when we are sick! That's a lie from Satan himself! God receives the glory when we receive our healing so we can continue to spread the Good News of the Gospel and further His Kingdom on earth!

We receive hundreds of phone calls from people who have put their faith in God and received supernatural healing in their bodies (physically), hearts (emotionally) and minds (mentally-the battle of the mind). Sickness and disease is part of the curse of the law. Since Jesus died to become a curse for us, we don't have to live under the curse anymore! Galatians 3:13 says,

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree".

Whether you need physical healing, emotional healing or healing from the battle of the mind, God can restore **everything** satan has stolen from you. So please, remember this Christmas that along with the gift of our Lord Jesus, you can receive the gift of healing!

Another part of the redemption package is the wonderful gift of divine protection. Protection is included in God's Perfect Gift and we need to proclaim it over everything we own and over our loved ones. Divine protection from all pandemics, natural disasters, pestilences, and imminent danger is included in the redemption package and we need to take that at face value (Psalm 91). We can enter into that rest (Hebrews 4:11) knowing that His covering of divine protection will always surround us. We are covered with the precious blood of Jesus and surrounded with His Word (*Your word is truth.* John 17:17) like a shield and buckler. ***He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.*** Psalm 91:4. Through the Perfect Gift of Jesus, we have protection from everything by His shed blood.

Lastly, but certainly not least, is prosperity. ***Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers*** (3 John 2). As Christians, we should prosper in our everyday life and in everything we touch including our finances. We should also prosper and accomplish everything we set out to do. We need to prosper in our jobs, in school, in our churches, daily housework, everyday errands and everything else that needs to be completed each and every day. So please remember, especially in the busyness of Christmas, that we can lean into and claim the grace and favor of God day by day. This is a great reminder for us as a Ministry and family to constantly lean into that grace, favor and love that only God can give us with each new day through our faith in Christ Jesus.

We serve a God that prospers in ALL He does so we too should prosper in all that we do. Psalm 1:2-3 says this, ***He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.***

Friend, we want to encourage you during this Christmas season to keep your eyes on that Perfect Gift, Jesus. Like we mentioned earlier, most Christians accept Jesus as their personal Savior and live their entire lives not knowing *all* the benefits that God has freely offered to them as part of His Perfect Gift. In Psalm 103, we have a beautiful reminder of some of the benefits of God through King David.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

It's so important during the busiest time of year that we don't lose focus on the true meaning of CHRISTmas. We don't want to get so wrapped up in the holiday part of the season that we miss out on all the benefits offered to us by the Father wrapped up in the Perfect Gift, Jesus. We challenge you to shift your focus on God's Perfect Gift and meditate on that beautiful, wonderful, pure and spotless Lamb of God who humbly came into this world as a baby to bring salvation to us so we can live in victory! Will you accept the challenge?

We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas! We love you, partner, and we appreciate all the prayers and support you've given our family and Ministry throughout the year. We're so thankful for you! We're grateful for each one of you, friends, and we're honored you chose to be part of this harvest of JMM together with us. May the Holy Spirit pour out revival in our hearts this season! We can't wait to see what God has in store for all of us in the New Year!

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