

THE CLOVERDALE CONNECTION

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

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His name shall be called Emmanuel...God with us.

Think about it for a minute. God with us. What a beautiful thought. Jesus condescends down to man in the form of a perfect little baby. He lived on this earth for 33 years. He was betrayed by the people He came to save. He dies on a cursed cross. He is resurrected. He broke the power of sin! Oh what love! Hallelujah!

Paul writes in Romans 5:8, *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* (NKJV)

My heart is so full with pondering this perfect love. I hope your heart is full as well!



There is only one thing that is left. This is the icing on the cake. Jesus is forever our brother. He is our advocate. He is our judge. He is our best friend.

In the new earth, He will live in our midst. Just the thought gives me chills. Jesus will dwell with us. Nowhere else!

There is nothing more to say...

Merry Christmas.

~ Martin



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Pastor's Corner...

So this is the time of year you are making your list and possibly checking it twice. Because there are gifts to purchase, trees to trim, families to invite, chicken to stuff, (or tofu if you are vegetarian). Stuffing a tofu might be a bit challenging...requiring the utmost of skill.

The list of things to do heading up to Christmas is frequently very long. Sometimes this causes more stress than joy. Perhaps we should reflect on the real reason for the Christmas Season with the following 2 P's.

People

It is the time of year when loved ones come together to enjoy each other's company. Sometimes this can be painful. A family member may have wronged us. Perhaps we have wronged them. If there is that one person that you need to forgive, then forgive them! After all, if it were not for the grace of God through His Son, Jesus Christ...we would be in big trouble!

Perspective

Let's not forget that Christmas is not just about presents or food. Christmas is not about having everything perfect. All we have to do is look at the story of Mary and Joseph to remind us of this truth. Pregnant, riding on a donkey, and traveling the 80+ mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. That would be tough on anyone! Let's not lose the real perspective. Christmas is about Jesus and His glory.

Merry Christmas



~ Pastor Jason