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Dear Friend,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am delighted to write to you in this season of joy, in which we celebrate the coming of the Savior and the hope of the World. I have been keeping a steady pace these past few weeks preaching in churches around the state, and traveling for a month in South America. It has been a whirlwind of forward motion, in which the Lord has been pleased to give this ministry a harvest of souls for the sake of His Kingdom.

As the New Year approaches, the many doors the Lord is opening in the United States and other nations of the world encourages me. Please pray that the Lord will continue to provide these open doors, and the anointing to administer this growing ministry. I would also like to ask you to pray that the Lord would increase CrossPower's Radio outreach so that we can continue to preach the message of the Cross through the medium of radio.

I would like to thank all of our partners, who have faithfully supported this ministry with their prayers and financial support. Your sacrifice has rendered the fruit of souls, and kept the light of the gospel burning in many dark places. My thanks also, to my beloved home church in Kenedy. Getsemany has given tirelessly to Cross Power, and has made possible so many outreaches this year. The Lord has made me a small part of a great Church and I am grateful for the honor of serving in their fellowship. Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to "Iglesia Pentecostes Getsemani" and "Iglesia Christian Bethel" for their support of my recent trip to South America.

In His Service

Isaac De Los Santos

What a sight that must have been when over the night sky of Judas' rolling hills shined a new star over Bethlehem. This was not an ordinary star, because this was not to be an ordinary night. The long awaited coming of the Champion of the Ages was about to dawn.

Unlike the birth of a Caesar, there was no palace awaiting this birth. In fact, there was no more than a humble stable on lone from a frustrated innkeeper. Yet, veiled in this night of insignificance was the single most significant event in the history of Creation. The Lord had spoken in the Garden of Eden, "the seed of the woman shall crush the head of the serpent," and at long last that day had come.

It had come as Luke described, as a dayspring in the dark night of sin, and announced the end of man's enmity with God. This was the night to end the night and the birth to end all death; it was the birth of the incarnate Son of God whose name would be called Jesus.

Paul stated that it was "in the fullness of time" that God was pleased to send Christ into the world. Born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that they might receive the adoption of sons. Conveying the great truth that the story begun at Bethlehem was not random events thrown together, but a carefully orchestrated master plan.

Weaved into the fabric of this story are a thousand splendid details from beginning to end. The Father spared no expense in making clear the fact that the birth of Jesus Christ was not a last minute attempt to save a few, but an ageless plan to save mankind.

The first of these details comes to us from the genealogy of our Lord, in which we find a story of grace and love that captures the heart of the most rotten of sinners. In the family tree of the spotless Lamb of God is found an adulterer named David, a harlot named Rahab, a gentile named Ruth, a swindle named Jacob, and a drunk named Noah. That might be enough to disqualify any of us from a sound reputation. Yet, it preaches a sermon of God's amazing grace. Then in the ageless plan of redemption, the afore mentioned failures would be associated with the lineage of the Christ. If for no other reason than to prove that it was sinners

such as these that Christ had come to save. But it also speaks of the restorative power of grace that lifts the lowliest of sinners to the level of just standing with God, not of works that they had done, but by the grace of God.

In The Fullness Of Time

By
Isaac De Los Santos

Each in their own time knew the Son of God, not as a baby in a manger or hanging on a Cross, but each died in faith believing that the Champion would come. To Jacob he was the restorer, to David he was the great shepherd, to Noah he was the ark of safety, to Ruth he was the Kinsman Redeemer, and to Rahab he was the scarlet cord of preservation. If he could be all this to those who never saw his manger, nor heard of his rugged Cross what won't he be for us.

Another fascinating detail is found in the location of his birth. Some years ago I was given the great blessing of traveling to the nation of Israel, it so happened that our hotel, was in the city of Bethlehem. I might have been too young then to appreciate fully the meaning of that city, but it did not diminish my joy in being in that historic place. It was the Prophet Micah who wrote "But as for you Bethlehem Ephrata, to small to be among the clans of Judah, out of thee shall One go forth." A prophecy that was fulfilled to the letter and without fail. He was speaking of Bethlehem, the small "insignificant" city of David, whose name itself would seem to be prophetic. The word Bethlehem means "house of bread" but also "house of war." These seemingly insignificant details speak of the function of our Lord.

First of all, we see that Jesus was born in the house of bread perhaps for no other reason than that he was the house of bread for the hungry soul of man. In the sixth chapter of John, the disciples said to Jesus, "Our fathers ate manna out of heaven" as if questioning his ability to offer the same. Jesus said to them, "...My Father gives you the true bread out of

heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world. I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will not hunger." What a powerful truth, that Christ came to be the house of bread, the hope of hungry souls, the Bread of life. Christ in his coming offers all mankind to eat and be satisfied, to eat of this bread and live.

But Bethlehem also means House of War. This reminds us that all who reject the bread of life are at war with God. James 4:4 reminds us that to be a friend of the world is to be the enemy of God, and thus the carnal nature wars against God. The sad reality of this truth is that only one side will win in this conflict, and just as surly as Christ was born in Bethlehem, he will be victor in this war. Men err in thinking that God will spare them judgment because they were good. He has established a day of judgment for all, because He is holy and He alone is good. Rejecting His day of grace, and His life giving bread is to condemn one's soul to eternal separation from God.

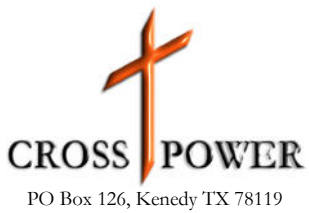
While Christmas in western culture threatens to veil this significant event with commercialism and materialism, we dare not miss the message of this season, for it is the power of God to save. Christ came to offer life to the world; he came to be the singular way to God. In truth, the "no ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in."

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