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I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I am praying that God blesses you with a wonderful Christmas.

I really enjoy Christmas music. I not only enjoy the music to the songs, but I am challenged and encouraged by reflecting on some of the lyrics contained in many of those songs.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

(Isaac Watts - Joy to the World)

*Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"* (Charles Wesley, George Whitefield - Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Son of the
Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us
adore Him, Christ, the Lord.* (John Francis Wade - O Come All Ye Faithful)

There are so many wonderful songs that we sing at Christmas, and you probably have lyrics from those songs that are especially meaningful to you.

I personally enjoy those lyrics because of their emphasis on the person and ministry of Christ. Writing from the 19th century, Pastor and author J.C. Ryle penned these words:

All men ought to think of Christ, because of the office Christ fills between God and man. He is the eternal Son of God, through whom alone the Father can be known, approached, and served. He is the appointed Mediator between God and man, through whom alone we can be reconciled with God, pardoned, justified, and saved. He is the Divine Person whom God the Father has sealed to be the giver of everything that man requires for his soul. To Him are committed the keys of death and hell. In His favor is life. In Him alone there is hope of salvation for mankind. Without Him no child of Adam can be saved. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 Cor. iii. 11; 1 John v.12.) And ought not man to think of Christ? Shall God the Father honor Him, and shall not man? I tell every reader of this tract that there is no person, living or dead, of such immense importance to all men as Christ. There is no person that men ought to think about so much as Christ.

There is no person, living or dead, of such immense importance to all men as Christ. As Christians we hang our hats on the truth 'that there is no other name under heaven given among men by which people are saved.'

This is good news that needs to be told repeatedly through all mediums of communication including that of song. Your help throughout this last year has enabled APAC to come alongside Pastors and churches to encourage them as they keep proclaiming the good news of salvation found in Christ.

We are praying that God will use APAC in even greater ways in 2023 to encourage and minister to smaller churches and their Pastors. I know that you know that the need is great. That is why you are already an APAC partner. Our prayer is that God will entrust APAC with greater financial means so that we can help more churches and pastors with acts of service and financial gifts. Any end of the year giving will help us in seeing that prayer become reality.

Merry Christmas to you all. I end now with these song lyrics for your humbling and joyful contemplation.

Sinners, wrung with true repentance, doomed for guilt to endless pains, justice now revokes the sentence mercy calls you; break your chains. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.
(James Montgomery, Angels from the Realms of Glory)

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