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# “ANOINTED ONE”

In Psalm 45:8, we read, “All thy garments smell of myrrh and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces whereby they have made thee glad.” Psalm 45 is one of the Messianic psalms. It is quoted as such in Hebrews 1:8,0, which begins with one person in the godhead addressing the Messiah also as God, whose throne is eternal. Then, he says, “Oh, God, they God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above they fellows,”

The oil of gladness was the holy oil used for the anointing of priests and kings and was compounded of a mixture of spices which included myrrh and cassia (Exodus 30). Since the Messiah had been anointed to be above His fellows, first as high priest, then as King of Kings, all His garments would bear the sweet aroma of the holy ointment.

At the birth of Christ, His garments were swaddling clothes, and the gifts of the eastern wise men included a supply of myrrh and frankincense (Luke 2:7; Matthew 2:11).

At His death, they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, and parted his garments (Mark 15). Then once again, His body was wrapped in linen clothes, and anointed with myrrh and aloes for His burial (John 19).

The Psalmist sees Christ, or Messiah, as both the Greek and Hebrew titles mean “The Anointed One,” emerging triumphantly from the ivory palaces.





# “JOY”

In Luke 2:10, we read, “And the angel said unto them, ‘Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.’” When God became man, and Jesus was born, true joy entered a world of sin and sadness. The Magi, who had been long anticipating the Savior’s coming, rejoiced with exceeding great joy, when they saw the star standing over the young child (Matthew 2). This is the first mention of joy in the New Testament.

The heavenly host also rejoiced as their angelic captain shared with the shepherds in the field at Bethlehem the gospel of great joy. The very gospel that we are to preach is a gospel of exceeding joy because we have a Savior to preach. Although, He was a “Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53), the Lord Jesus, “for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross” (Hebrews 12). He prepared the disciples for His coming death and for their own subsequent suffering for His name’s sake, by conveying to them His own joy. “These things have I spoken unto you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full” (John 15:11). He prayed for them to the Father, “that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves (John 17). He promised to answer prayer offered to the Father in His name, “that your joy may be full” (John 16:24).

Thus, it is that all who truly believe on Christ that even now, “though we see Him not, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory” (1 Peter 1). To the growing number of families listening to this broadcast, may God sovereignly grant you a blessed Christmas season and a victorious New Year.





# “GOOD NEWS”

We read in Matthew 2:10, “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” The familiar story of Herod and the wise men is a fascinating parable of how the news of the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ so effectively separates people into two great companies. The Gospel of Christ mean, literally, “good new,” but most people tend to react as though it were bad news.

When the wise men came from the east, searching for the newborn Savior, this glorious news was received badly right where it should have been received most gladly. We read in Matthew 2, that when Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. Herod was an Edomite, representing the Romans, but the Jewish leaders were equally unresponsive. The priests and scribes, knowing the prophetic promises, could tell the king where Christ would be born (Matthew 2:5,6), but they were merely troubled along with the others in Jerusalem. Neither Herod nor the Jewish leaders were glad for the news, and neither would join in looking for the Savior. Later, they all tried to slay him.

The wise men, on the other hand, rejoiced with exceeding great joy when they found him (Matthew 2:10). After worshipping Him, they departed into their own country another way, no doubt with lives changed, as well as itineraries.

Some, like Herod, react with fear and hatred at the hearing of Christ, setting about to destroy the gospel by persecution. Others in the scholarly community, like the priests and scribes, seem to react with learned indifference, but when confronted more directly with their own hypocrisy, also eventually resort to persecution. There are always some, however, who, like the wise men, are joyous and will worship Him.





# “THE GREATEST GIFT”

In John 3:16, we read the familiar words, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

It is singularly appropriate that we look at this greatest of all verses on Christmas Day, for it records the greatest of all gifts. The theme of giving is very prominent in the Bible with such words as, “give,” “gift,” “gave,” and so on, occurring more than 2100 times. The first is Genesis 1:17, when God created the sun, moon, and stars to give light upon the earth; and the last is Revelation 22:12, when Christ will return with His rewards to give every man according to his work according as it shall be. He gave us rain from heaven and fruitful season, as well as life and breath and all things, we read in Acts 14 and 17.

But the greatest gift, clearly, was when God gave Himself as a ransom for many. It was the greatest gift because it met the greatest need, revealed the greatest love, and had the greatest scope and the greatest purpose of any gift that could ever have been conceived in the heart of an omniscient Creator. But that was not the end of His giving, of course. “He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8) “trust in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy” (1Timothy 6:17).





# “SECOND COMING”

We read in Titus 2:13, “Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and that glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

The annual remembrance at Christmas time of the first coming of Christ into the world ought naturally to lead in to an anticipation of His Second Coming. To the unbeliever, that coming will entail a fiery time of judgement. To the Christian, the return of Christ is that blessed hope. This promise does not promote Christian indolence, as some have charged. Rather, it encourages us to live soberly, righteously, and godly.

As John says, “Abide in Him, that when He shall appear we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming” (1 John 2). Jesus warned, “Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares” (Luke 21). How distressing would be the shame of a Christian to be caught in some such situation when His Lord returns!

The hope of Christ’s coming is also a great incentive to evangelism and missions, including the establishment of Christian schools and home schooling programs around the world. In Paul’s last message immediately after his long description of the last days he says, “I charge thee, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing in His kingdom, preach the Word, do the work of an evangelist” (2 Timothy 4).



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“Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



Recognized as one of the pioneers of Christian home education, Dr. Paul Lindstrom, best known as “Pastor Paul,” served as Superintendent of Schools of the Christian Liberty Academy School System. Many knew him best as the former National Chairman of the Remember the Pueblo Committee and for his efforts to secure the release of missionaries, POWs, and MIAs in Southeast Asia.

After graduating from the University of Illinois and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Pastor Paul taught in the Chicago public schools. In 1967, he worked with Dr. Philip Crane (who later became a U.S. Congressman) in the development of Westminster Academy. Dr. Lindstrom founded the Christian Liberty Academy in 1968 and began to organize the Christian Liberty Academy School System in 1970.

Continuing with his own studies, Rev. Lindstrom received his Doctor of Education degree in 1985, and his Doctor of Law degree in 1994. He has been honored by a Governor of Illinois, the Illinois House of Representatives, the Republic of Free China, and the Romanian-American National Congress.

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