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## Merry Christmas

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Titus 2:13** 

If we look at all of the bad in the world it can be very discouraging at times; all the corruption in politics, the men and women losing their homes in foreclosure, the homeless in the big cities and even in the small towns. Hungry children all around the world, boys and girls being used as sex slaves. I could go on and on with this. Jeremiah 30: 12 & 15 tells us the wound is incurable. I believe in the heart of every true saint there is a groaning and longing to see the return of Christ. Now, no matter where you stand on the rapture of the church, pre-tribulation rapture, midtribulation rapture or post-tribulation rapture, we must know that the only one to heal this world is Christ when He returns with His bride and sets up His Kingdom here on earth. The first time Christ came, He came as a babe in a manager. The shepherd's brought gifts, the wise men brought gold, frankincense and myrrh. Mary held Him as a baby. The Bible says that He grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him. He was betrayed with a kiss. They spit on Him and plucked

His beard. He was nailed to a cross and a spear thrust in His side. Before He died He said, "It is finished." That means it was complete, done, over. They that say satan drug Christ to hell to torment Him have a limited understanding of the scriptures. Christ didn't go to hell as the victim but as the Victor. The bible tells us He led capitivity captive and gave gifts unto man. According to Revelation 1:18, Christ went to hell to get the keys of hell and of death. I started this letter with Titus 2:13; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. The hope in the return of Christ. When Christ returns, He is not running for a political office. There are no skeletons in His closet. Oh no, He Christ, will return as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Christ will separate the sheep from the goats. He will rule the nations with a rod of iron. It won't be a democracy but a theocracy. The King will rule and perfect righteousness will rule and reign. This is the hope that can keep us in a world that has gone mad. I Corinthians 15:19 tells us if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. We must have faith in the future of the King and His Kingdom. I can't stop here because this would

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fall short. We read in Ephesians 1:13 & 14, 1) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. 14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of His glory. The Holy Spirit is the down payment in our lives as believers until the full redemption comes. That full redemption is Christ and His Kingdom. When things get tough in your life, The Holy Spirit quickens our heart to the Word of God and lets us know that the hope is in Christ and His return. The peace and joy that you experience now in the Lord is just a small portion of that which is to come. The Holy Spirit keeps us from giving up. He tells us as Christians, I am just the down payment of love, joy, peace, long suffering, on and on; all that is Christ.

We are looking at a new year, 2012. We at KJIR want to encourage you not to give up but trust in Christ, which is to come.

May the Lord keep you and your family in this coming year.

## In Christ, Pastor Ken Geisendorfer

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## "Twas The Night Before Jesus Came"

"Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house Not a creature was praying, not one in the house. Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care in hopes that Jesus would not come there. The children were dressing to crawl into bed, Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head. And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap. When out of the East there arose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash! When what to my wondering eyes should appear But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY! The light of His face made me cover my head It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said. And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself. In the Book Of Life which He held in His hand. Was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as He searched for my name: When He said "It's not here" my head hung in shame. The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above. With those who were ready He rose without a sound While all the rest were left standing around. I fell to my knees, but it was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight; Oh, if only I had been ready tonight. In the words of this poem the meaning is clear; The coming of Jesus is drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Revelation 19: 11-16

