

Praise The Lord



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GOD IS JESUS...AMEN!

"BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL...WHICH BEING INTERPRETED IS,
GOD WITH US." Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23

A few months ago when our grandson, Brandon Paul, was about two years old, his mom and dad asked him to say the dinner time prayer. He thought for a moment, bowed his little head and said, "GOD IS JESUS...AMEN." When Paul Jr. and Tawny told us of this prayer, Jan and I were both struck with the simplicity and yet the profoundness of the thought. As we contemplated the depth of this three word prayer, we realized that out of that pure child spirit had come the most beautiful, theologically correct prayer we had ever heard. In my opinion it belongs in the same class with God's revelation of His name to Moses, "I AM, THAT I AM." I have always thought of Jesus as being truly divine—as being God, the Son. In other words, I would have said, "Jesus is God," and of course this too, is true. Isaiah makes this abundantly clear:

"HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD,
THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE." Isaiah 9:6

But the true essence of the incarnation is more correctly stated in baby Brandon's prayer, "God is Jesus." St. John says it another way:

"THE WORD BECAME FLESH..." John 1:14

"THE WORD WAS GOD." John 1:1

Praise God, the glorious truth we proclaim this joyous Christmas season is this:

"THE SON OF GOD BECAME THE SON OF MAN,
THAT WE, THE SONS OF MAN, MIGHT BECOME THE SONS OF GOD!"

At Christmas time our hearts overflow with the enormity of God's great gift—His only begotten Son. I have often contemplated our traditions of giving gifts to those we love during the Christmas season. Oh, I know the world commercializes and cheapens this blessed day. Even Christians sometimes fall prey to the revelry of worldly celebrations. Why do we give and exchange gifts with each other? Is it the fact that the wise men brought gifts to the Christ child? Are we in some small way seeking to repay our heavenly Father for his great gift by giving gifts to others? Perhaps...But Partners, there is a life-changing truth here so profound that we risk missing it amidst the lights, tinsel and "HO, HO, HO" of Santa Claus.

The first question we should ask is, "Why did God give—what Paul described as GOD'S UNSPEAKABLE GIFT?" Yes, "God so loved the world that He gave..." but is that all? Certainly the LOVE of God is foundational. God is Jesus, but God is also LOVE. Love is the very essence of His nature. But what is God doing?; what is the purpose of His great gift? Now, Partners, here it is—if you will take hold of this principle and law of God, it will change your life and meet all your needs permanently!:

First of all—GOD HAS A NEED. Now, all you theologians please don't faint! I know that the eternal, all-sufficient, all-powerful, unchanging God needs NOTHING—so far as His being and divinity is concerned. But remember, Lucifer, the archangel had rebelled and one third of the angels of heaven followed him. Isaiah 14:12, Revelation 12:4 There was a vacancy in heaven even at the very throne of God, for Lucifer had been the worshipping archangel—leading heaven's choir in praising God. How would God fill this vacancy? What did He need? More Angels? No...And here is where it gets exciting! God chose to create SONS—a whole new species of being. Adam was created in the image and likeness of God Himself!, but enter the spoiler again...and man fell by sin. Now, how would God's need be fulfilled? GOD NEEDED SONS—how would he get them? Here is God's glorious principle and law for getting your needs met:

GOD GAVE WHAT HE NEEDED...We quoted it earlier:
"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON..." John 3:16

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God needed sons, so what did He *give*? Here we see God's law at work. He gave *His Son* as that precious kernel of wheat that died and was sown into the earth. So what did God *receive*? Paul Billheimer, in his classic book, *DESTINED FOR THE THRONE* writes:

"From all eternity God purposed to have a family circle of his very own, not only created, but also generated by his own life, incorporating his own seed, 'sperma,' 'genes,' or heredity. God conceived the infinitely wise plan of redemption through the new birth, in order to 'BRING MANY SONS TO GLORY.' Hebrews 2:10 By these means God has exalted redeemed humanity 'BUT A LITTLE LOWER THAN GOD.' Psalm 3:4-5 According to recognized authority, this is the correct translation, since the term in Hebrew is 'Elohim,' the first of the names of Deity. Genesis 1:1"

Hallelujah! God's gift of His only Son has already brought millions of *new sons and daughters* into His *eternal family*! Millions more are streaming into the Kingdom of God as, *together*, we are preaching the *GOOD NEWS* through Christian Television.

If it works for God, it will work for you! What do you *need* this Christmas? Healing for your body? Go lay hands on someone else who needs healing. *GIVE healing prayer* to someone worse off than you and watch God work on *your* behalf. Are your sons and daughters—your loved ones lost and unsaved? *Go witness* to some other mother's son or daughter and watch God save yours. Do you need this world's goods? *Give* to someone needier than yourself—even if you have to borrow it. Jesus said—even if you give a cup of cold water, you would not lose your reward! Matthew 10:42 Again Jesus said:

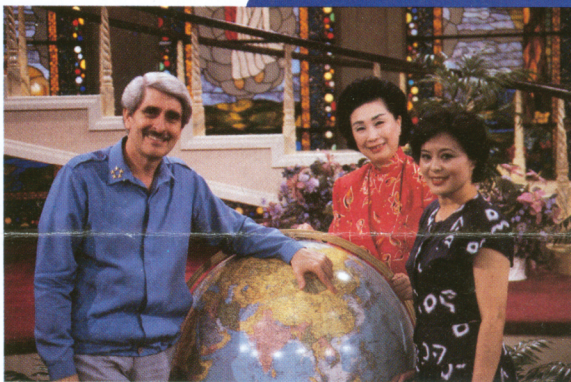
"GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU..." Luke 6:38

Christmas is *GIVING*, but *not* in the perverted way the world would try to sell it to us. God deliver us from striving to give more and more *"THINGS,"* more and more clothes to stuff an already groaning closet with even *more* — bigger and better things—just to satiate a spoiled and jaded ego. This Christmas *let's give them JESUS* by the most powerful means known to man—Spirit-anointed *24 hour a day Christian Television!* TBN is the Channel through which our gifts of love *can reach* a hurting, dying world. Jan and I know you love them, too, and will join with us as we *continue* to *GIVE*. *The greatest gift, after all, is to let our world know that "GOD IS JESUS...AMEN!"*

Jan and I, along with all your vast TBN Family, send you our wish for the happiest Christmas ever—filled with *Joy, Peace and Contentment* through *Jesus' love*.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,

Paul



General Charles Duke, Apollo XVI astronaut, Dr. Robert Lindsey, Hebrew scholar, and pastor of Narkis St. Baptist Church of Jerusalem, Israel—and Betty Malz, author of *ANGELS WATCHING OVER ME* were our recent guests on *PRAISE* from our Denver Studio! *PRAISE* is always special! Partners, let's *LOVE* and *CHERISH* this special gift God has given this world—100% Christian television—24 hours a day in *YOUR HOME!* Have you remembered to *Thank Him Today* for this *GIFT*? Have you remembered to *GIVE* so that *Christian TV and PRAISE* can stay in *YOUR HOME*? If not, write today: TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711.

Paul met recently with Dau Lu, the "Barbara Walters" of Chinese television. She and Nora Lam came to discuss the possibility of TBN going "on the air" in *MAINLAND communist CHINA*. Nora Lam will be going to China again at Christmas time to talk to the Chinese officials about this possible miracle! Please Partners—please pray for China—pray for *ONE BILLION PEOPLE*—many of whom have *NEVER EVEN HEARD THE NAME OF JESUS!* "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 11:15 KJV That includes all of *CHINA!* Has God entrusted the TBN partners to reach *HIS PEOPLE* in China? Will you go with us? "And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them unless someone sends him?" Rom. 10:14-15 We love you! Write today and let us know if you will *GO* with us! What a special Christmas Gift to China!



From Our Family to YOURS...



We love you! – Paul & Jan



Paul Jr., Tawny, Brandon Paul III
& "Princess Brittany" Crouch



Warmest Christmas Greetings to YOU—From the Crouch Family



Matt & Laurie Crouch

As we look forward to the greatest opportunities yet—to take this Gospel AROUND THE WORLD, we want to pause and THANK YOU for 15 years of LOVE and FAITHFULNESS. YOU are the reason the world can SEE and HEAR JESUS—24 hours a day through Christian Television—because JESUS IS ALIVE in YOUR HEARTS! You truly are God's People! May you and your family share the JOY this Christmas—as we do—of reading the Christmas Story together. TBN Partners—We love you and pray God's special blessings for you and yours...

The Christmas Story

About this time Caesar Augustus, the Roman Emperor, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the nation. (This census was taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Everyone was required to return to his ancestral home for this registration. And because Joseph was a member of the royal line, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, King David's ancient home—journeying there from the Galilean village of Nazareth. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was obviously pregnant by this time.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born; and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn.

That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared among them, and the landscape shone bright with the glory of the Lord. They were badly frightened, but the angel reassured them.

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem! How will you recognize him? You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger!"

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang, "and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

Luke 2:1-14, THE LIVING BIBLE



Precious Steve Brock—our special TBN Pal—always has a song in his heart that LIFTS our spirits. Steve hosts MAKER'S MATCH and occasionally JOY and PRAISE. Steve is SPECIAL! All of our TBN Family is special. YOU are special! You may not be able to sing like Steve Brock, but you can GIVE to keep Steve singing and ministering. Your gift from God may be the gift of GIVING (Romans 12:6-8) and we need to be just as faithful as Steve. As you help LIFT the financial burden by giving to keep TBN on the air, you are lifting the burden off the ministers whose gifts are preaching—teaching—or singing and then they are able to joyfully minister to YOU. Is your gift GIVING? Have you ministered in your special gift lately? Write today to: TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711.

"...Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and WALK!" (Acts 3:6 KJV) Paul and Jan LOVE to GIVE of what they have to YOU—a HUG—a smile—an encouraging word—a prayer—a miracle—LOVE! We do LOVE you and Jesus loves you. We love to be out with you—OUR PARTNERS. We hurt when you hurt—cry when you cry—and rejoice when you rejoice. We love to hear from you and read your letters, but we also LOVE to be with you and hear your needs and victories. We'll be coming to your area soon. Our gift to you is Christian television. Have you given YOUR gift?



"They shall LAY HANDS on the sick, and they SHALL RECOVER." Mark 16:18 I believe that—and I will agree with you that your miracle is HERE! We love to pray at the altar with you. We agree for your UNSAVED LOVED ONES—HEALING—DEPRESSION TO STOP—and for ALL of YOUR NEEDS. We love to see GOD do miracles for YOU!

Our gift to you is 24 hour Christian television in your home. Now, have you given your GIFT to keep it there? Paul and I cannot do that—we do not have the funds to pay all the bills. That is YOUR PART of God's plan! Be a part of God's exciting plan for YOUR life with each step of obedience—you will be amazed as He "enlarges the place of YOUR tent!"... Isaiah 54



Our own Special Buddy—LaVerne Tripp blesses us so at all our Revivals! He gives & gives & gives to TBN and to you—our precious partners—and we love him so much! LaVerne, Edith, Robby, Terry & Tammi are SPECIAL! What would we do without our TBN Family? We love you all—you are our family—Gramma! May we be YOUR kids? Papa, will you let us be YOUR family? Young people—let us be your mom & dad in the Lord & I claim all of the children of the world as mine! Help keep your family ON THE AIR. We love you! We need YOU!





John and Ruth Anne Jacobs have joined the TBN Family—and we have agreed in JESUS' Name "YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED." John is a modern-day Samson—his STRENGTH is his hook! Young people need to see that God's people are the strongest—greatest—most powerful people on earth. "...Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." I John 4:4 John and Ruth Anne have ministered all over the world and thousands come to Jesus as they see John break handcuffs and hard steel bars—then say, "My strength comes from Jesus!" John and Ruth Anne love you! They are an answer to prayer! Now Partners, let's get behind them in PRAYER and LOVE—and SUPPORT our Friday night effort to reach YOUR young people!

Dwight blessed us right out of our socks in our Beaumont and Denver Revivals! "Big D" exploded every reason you can come up with as to why you have not accepted Christ—2 classic sermons—Order tapes #903-87 and #925-87.

Dwight and Zonelle are very special and have been friends of TBN for 15 years. Dwight has a heart for SOULS and does not want you to have any excuse to NOT make it to Heaven!

When you stand and look into the face of the one who DIED on the cross and went to HELL for you—so that you don't have to go—what will your excuse be for not loving Him? The Revivals are always special when "BIG D" preaches. Thanks Dwight! We love you!

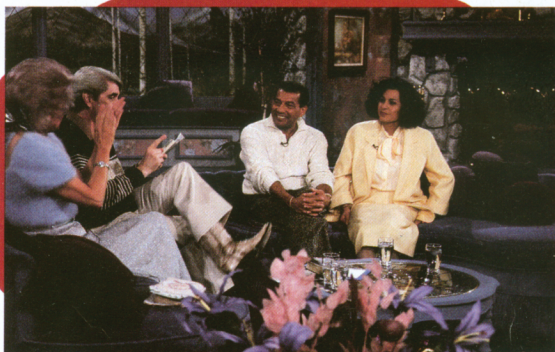


Jane Russell Peoples was our special guest on PRAISE recently. Janie has given her entire life to Jesus and LOVES JESUS and LOVES TBN! Jane told of her fabulous work with children around the world. She has seen to it that thousands have been adopted into beautiful homes. Thanks Jane for all the children of the world for caring and then acting. God has His special family everywhere—in every walk of life—and in every place! And Jane can reach people with her testimony of Jesus' love that you and I can never reach. We love you, Jane! Thank you for loving TBN!

Our precious Arthur Blessitt always loving people—always ministering Jesus' love wherever he goes!

People are hurting and sometimes just need ONE HUG to make it all better. Jesus just touched the woman with the issue of blood and she was every whit whole. He just thanked God for the loaves and fishes and fed 5,000. He just spoke to LAZARUS and he came out of the grave! Maybe ONE WORD from YOU—ONE TOUCH—ONE PRAYER can change someone FOREVER! Be Jesus' Hands Extended—Touch, love, pray for people in our world and LOVE THEM in Jesus' name.





Nicky & Gloria Cruz were our recent guests in Denver at our studio there. Gloria was just 3 weeks out of the hospital with several broken bones from an auto accident, but she looked radiant and beautiful! Thank you for your prayers for Gloria! Nicky shared about his recent crusade in Holland. Witches and prostitutes came to Jesus! Thank you, Nicky and Gloria for sharing Jesus with a hurting world.

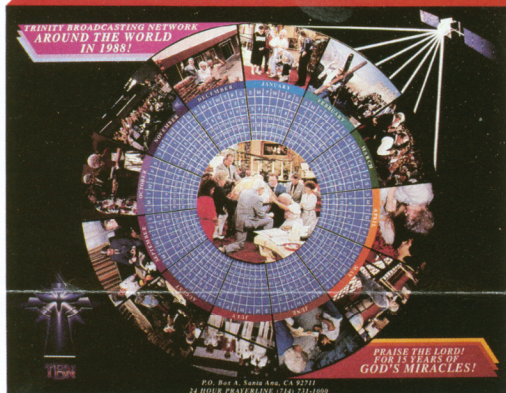
If a Nicky Cruz—a gang leader—killer—from the streets of New York City can be changed in ONE MINUTE by the power of Jesus—THEN YOUR FAMILY can be saved! We'll agree with you in Jesus' name for your miracle!

This little 94 year young DOLL was in the audience at our Denver Studio for "LIVE" PRAISE and she was such a delight! She is 94 and still lives alone—goes to church every Sunday—comes to the PRAISE program—and eats only FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND FISH! (We asked.) We always say, "If you have to die (before the Rapture), you don't have to die sick!" This little doll is STILL telling people about Jesus!

So, get up Gramma and Papa—Be made whole in Jesus' name. We NEED YOU. If you're 70—you still have 25 years of good service! You can do it—this angel is! What a joy it is to meet our TBN Family around the world! We love you all!



OUR LOVE GIFT TO YOU FOR DECEMBER



1988 is almost here, and what a year it will be! We are pulling out all the stops to GO, GO, GO, preaching the Gospel as the Holy Beamer rolls to exciting new places. To help you keep up with TBN as we move into the harvest, we have designed a most unusual and beautiful 1988 CALENDAR. Full color pictures will bring back memories of glorious times we have shared on PRAISE together. The actual Calendar rotates so that the current month is always in the "12 o'clock" position for easy reading. Of course the TBN address and 24 hour prayerline are always visible for easy reference.

Partners, Jan and I need you as we move faster than ever into the harvest just before Jesus comes! Your 1988 TBN Picture Calendar will be on its way as you send your love gift this month of December.

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