**Are We Glorifying God this Season?**

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus we remember that he was God’s gift to mankind. He came to save the world. He came to set us free from the bondage of sin and condemnation that keeps us from receiving what God has provided for us. He came to restore us to our rightful position with God.

***2 Peter 2:2 Amp*** *May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

***3*** *For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him* Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

Although many of us claim to be saved, we have never really understood what that really means and we experience just as much or more condemnation and guilt than those who have not been saved. Before we can really receive everything that salvation has provided for us we have to know that we were created in the image of God to share his gory and virtue.

Jesus exchanged his life for ours. He took all of our guilt and shame upon himself so that we could walk in the glory of his righteousness.

***2 Corinthians 5:21*** *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

We are called to walk in the likeness of his resurrection.

***Romans 6:4*** *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

***5*** *For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*

What does that mean? It means that everything that Jesus is, we are. We have the same position with the father that Jesus has. Jesus was one with the Father and we are one with them. We are filled with the same honor and glory that Jesus was filled with.

***John 17:22*** *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

We see Jesus seated in a position of glory and honor, but somehow we think it is blasphemy for us to see ourselves sitting in a position of glory and honor.

Jesus shared everything that he has with us. We have been made perfect in one. Jesus came to give his life for ours so that we could walk in our true identity. The whole earth is waiting for the sons of God to manifest themselves! When we begin to walk in the inheritance that Jesus came to provide for us, when we begin to walk in the light of the glory that Jesus provided for us, God will truly be glorified.

***John 1:12*** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

***13*** *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

***14*** *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

***16***And of his fullness have all we received, *and grace for grace.*

When it comes to gift giving and receiving, we often find it easier to give than to receive. The same applies to the gift that God has provided for us through Jesus. In this Christmas season let’s make it a point to honor the giver by fully receiving what has been given to us.