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God's Good Will To You

Often I have the pleasure to meet or hear from those who have been readers of this column for years. Some I meet in hospitals while visiting other patients. I hear from others via letters, phone calls, or email. I am amazed at how God has used and is using this small column to be a blessing to many for His glory! ***"Merry Christmas"*** to each of you!

Think of **that first Christmas**—it had to have been awesome! Brilliant glory abruptly burst upon the astonished shepherds that night with dazzling light radiating all around them as an angel proclaimed ***"good tidings of great joy"*** and announced the birth of ***"a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord!"*** Then ***"suddenly"*** there appeared ***"a multitude of the heavenly host praising God!"*** Afterwards ***"with haste"*** they went and with awe ***"beheld his glory"*** (John 1:14). The newborn baby in that manger was ***"Emmanuel...God with us!"*** (Matthew 1:23). He was ***God's "only begotten Son"*** and the expression of God's love for **all the peoples of the world, including us today!** He was given for our salvation—so ***"that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"*** (John 3:16). This truth was clearly heralded by the angels, ***"peace, good will toward men"*** (Luke 2:14). That promised ***"peace"*** and ***"good will"*** is available to each individual through **God's magnificent Gift—Jesus!** Yet, many fail to receive it today just as was so when Jesus first came, ***"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 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"*** (John 1:11-12). It is my prayer that you will not fail to experience God's exceedingly marvelous glory, love, ***"peace"*** and ***"good will"*** for you. This Christmas, I urge you to **personally believe in and receive Jesus as your Savior!**