

Season For A Reason 11/11/2018

Thanksgiving is coming! Christmas is almost here!
Amid all the shopping and planning and cooking, we need
to be cognizant of what it's all about.

Remember, there is a "Reason for the Season."

Now some of you are thinking, "But that's Christmas
Pastor Palmer." And you would be right!

But it's also the reason for Thanksgiving. The Pilgrim's
were giving thanks to God for their new land, new
Indian friends, and their very survival.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season, for sure.

And that is the whole Holiday Season from Fall Festival
celebrating the harvest (and our Way of the Master
class Sundays at 4pm will sure help with the Harvest),
from the Fall Festival all the way through
Thanksgiving and then Christmas, celebrating the
birth of Jesus Christ.

So we need to celebrate Jesus all throughout this season,
and not get distracted and super-stressed out. Yes,
crazy uncle John is coming to the table, but God will
help us through that. He helps us all the time. We may
not always think He is there, but He is. So if it is
rough, it would be many times rougher without Him
there, I promise.

And we don't let blips like Black Friday get us down.

Speed bumps of materialism and greed mar all of this
fallen earth. I am no saint in this area myself. I am
sure you have heard of my Smile.Amazon.com
addiction. After all, when I use it, money gets donated
to First Assembly when I buy that thing I needed. Had
to have it, so get it and money gets donated to First
Assembly! I am helping the church! I am really filling

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my house with junk I may never use. At least it's a lot of books and Bibles. That's another justification!

Did you know that merchants bring out inferior products to sell just for Black Friday? So they prepare and move in "special" stuff that is cheaper made and list the price as "reduced." So your TV that you snatch from the hands of another shopper really is a \$250.00 TV and not a \$500.00 TV you think you are getting for only \$250.00. Merchants can be wily. After all if it is cheap and breaks or unravels, you can console yourself with the "deal" you got! "Oh, well."

So I want to encourage us all to not lose focus on Jesus. He is the Reason for the Season.

He asks us to be "salt of the earth," so we need to Season for a Reason. So season with the Salt of Christian Life. Give the gospel this year! All Year!

Please celebrate the season for a reason, Jesus and all He has done for us: created the universe, gave us dominion over the earth, came back to save us, always intercedes in prayer for us to Father.

Please "Shake the Salt," as Jacob Smith, Revivalist recommends. Season your life and others with Jesus. Bring Jesus into the everyday stuff of life. Bring the gospel. Peter, the Apostle, recommends this very thing to us. He reminds us about what God has done that should make us thankful. That we should indeed move into a whole season of Thanksgiving and celebrating the coming birthday of Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1-4 really lifts us up and identifies God's great promises made real, instantiated in our salvation life. He helps us work out our salvation, 'cause Jesus has

already worked it out and deposited in us everything we need for this walk with Jesus to Father.

All of God's promises are "yes!" and "amen" "it is so" "it will be so at the appointed time."

2 Peter 1:1-4 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Introduction and Greeting

1 *This letter is from Simeon*^[a]

[Or "Simon," the Greek form of the Hebrew-Aramaic name Simeon. Simeon means "he who hears." Peter (the Rock) was the nickname given to him by Jesus; Simeon was his real name.]

Peter, a *loving servant*^[b]

[Or "bond-servant." From a Hebraic mind-set, this would imply a choice of remaining a servant even when freedom was offered. Thus, "a *loving servant*."]]

and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to those who have been given a faith^[c]

[Even our faith has been given to us from a loving Father. Because our faith is equally precious as that of the apostles, we share an equal standing in the privileges and blessings of the kingdom realm of God.]

as equally precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.^[d]

[In his opening verse, Peter points us to the deity of Jesus Christ—“God and Savior, Jesus Christ”—referring to one person. Some have described Peter’s words to be the most clear and direct testimony to the truth of Christ’s equality with God.]

² May grace and perfect peace cascade over you^[e]

[Or “May grace and peace be multiplied to you.”]

as you *live* in the rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

God’s Generous Grace

³ Everything we could ever need for life and complete devotion^[f]

[It is possible that this is a hendiadys, which would then mean “a life of godliness” (complete devotion). Everything we need to reflect God’s true nature has already been given to us. See [Eph. 1:3](#).]

Ephesians 1:3

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Our Sonship and the Father’s Plan

³ Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because he sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate him^[a] with all our hearts!

Or “bless” (or “blessed be God”).

to God has already been deposited in us by his divine power. *For all this was lavished upon us* through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of his goodness.^[g]

[Or “called us by his glory and goodness.”]

⁴ As a result of this, he has given you^[h]

[As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek is plural, “us.”]

magnificent promises^[i]

[The Greek sentence that extends from vv. 3–5 is somewhat ambiguous. It could also be read as “Through a glorious manifestation of his goodness he has imparted to us his magnificent promises.”]

that are beyond all price, so that through *the power of these tremendous promises*^[j]

[That is, by claiming these tremendous promises as our very own. Faith always releases the power of the Word of God.]

you can experience partnership^[k]

[The Greek word *koinonos* means “to participate as a partner, to partake of, to be a companion with, to have fellowship with” the divine nature. This is one of the great mysteries of our faith, that God shares his nature with us. We are given birth by the Holy Spirit to be God’s true sons and daughters, and every father imparts his DNA and his “nature” to his children. The Greek word *physis*(nature) is taken from the

word *phyō*, which means “to give birth, produce, bring forth, or to grow up.” Christ lives in us and transforms us into his very own likeness. In Christ we share with him the divine nature. We will all bear the image of the Man from heaven, Jesus Christ. See [Rom. 8:9-25](#); [1 Cor. 15:12-57](#).

Rom 8:9-25

1 Cor 15: 12-57]

with the divine nature, by which you have escaped^[1]

[The Greek word *apopheugō* also carries the connotation of being “acquitted.”]

the corrupt desires that are of the world.

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[1] It's About Jesus, the Reason for the Season

[2] It's About a Reason to Season

[1] It's About Jesus

[A] Thanksgiving

[1] Grace and Perfect Peace Cascade (2)

[2] Live in Rich Knowledge

[B] Righteous Standing

[1] Right as Jesus makes us.

[a] His Power to accomplish

[b] Our cooperation

[2] Equal to an Apostle

[3] Everything we need is already given

[1] Equally precious Faith Given

[2] Knowledge of God

[C] Magnificent Promises

All God's promises are yes and amen!

[2] Reason to Season

[A] Salt of the Earth

[1] Live life rooted in that rich knowledge

[a] rooted in Christ

**[b] Watered by the Spirit, Word and
Worship**

[c] Under the Son-Shine

[d] Relationship yields like a crop

[B] Loving Servant *by Choice*

[1] Choose to Season

[2] How to Season (give them Jesus!)

[C] Magnificent Promises

[1] Deposited (like in a rock or bank)

[a] given position in God's Family

[b] Already given at saving.

[2] Lavished

[a] gift of faith

[b] cascade of peach and grace

[3] Called to Magnificent Glory

**[a] Christ died for our sins, our mistakes,
our bad choices, our evil acts.**

[b] Rose again, resurrected

[c] ascended to throne room interceding

Christ died for our sins.

When we receive Jesus as savior

When we let Him save us

When we receive forgiveness

We receive righteousness

We receive faith

We receive grace and peace.

All of this life, in a cascade!

Glorify God.

glory

noun

glō·ry | \ 'glôr-ē \

plural glories

Definition of *glory* (Entry 1 of 3)

1a: praise, honor, or distinction extended by common consent : RENOWN

b: worshipful praise, honor, and thanksgivinggiving *glory* to God

2a: something that secures praise or renownthe *glory* of a brilliant career

b: a distinguished quality or assetThe *glory* of the city is its Gothic cathedral.

3a(1): great beauty and splendor : MAGNIFICENCEthe *glory* that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome— E. A. Poe

(2): something marked by beauty or resplendencea perfect *glory* of a day

b: the splendor and beatific happiness of heaven*broadly* : ETERNITY

4a: a state of great gratification or exaltationwhen she's acting she's in her *glory*

b: a height of prosperity or achievementancient Rome in its *glory*

5: a ring or spot of light: such as

a: AUREOLE

b: a halo appearing around the shadow of an object

glory

verb

gloried; glorying

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Definition of *glory* (Entry 2 of 3)

intransitive verb

: to rejoice proudly —used with *ingloried* in their great success

glory

interjection

variants: *or glory be*

Definition of *glory* (Entry 3 of 3)

—used to express surprise or delight

Deposited Divinity!

Magnificent Promises!

Beyond all price—life of Jesus Messiah

Tremendous promises

Powerful promise

Through His Power

Experience Partnership

With Divinity

Escaped corrupt desires, that are of this world.

Experience Divine Life

Escaped sinful corrupt desires of the world.

Given Promises

God Fulfills Promises.

He is the Reason for the Season, and He (and all He has given us) tell us to Season for these Reasons.

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For/To

Fortunately, we are blessed to be a blessing!

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[1] Its About Jesus, the Reason for the Season

[2] Its About a Reason to Season

We have the very best reason to season, *THE* Reason for the Season! So go out and season!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Merry Christmas!

Its not too early and its not too late!

We do all of that for Jesus and because of Jesus.

Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!

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Yea Jesus!

Choose Him today!

Glory to God!