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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

Merry Christmas

December 25, 2017

TITUS 2:11 NKJV – (11) For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

Over two thousand years ago, the most glorious event in human history occurred. Though we are not sure of the exact date, the Roman empire under Constantine decided to officially celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th. We now associate that date with festivities, colors, lights, trees and parties. But this date means so much more. It even means more than just a baby in a manger.

Time has been measured by it (it's where BC ends and AD begins). It is the divine intrusion into history. It is where God invaded time and space in the person of the second member of the Trinity, in order to bring about life and hope and salvation for you and me.

Most people normally don't view **Titus 2** as a Christmas passage, but this chapter is fundamentally a Christmas passage. **Verse 11** says, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men." There it is. **That's Christmas!**

Christmas is grace in a nutshell—or, rather, in a manger filled with straw.

On behalf of the **SOHLMEDITATIONS** ministerial staff, **Merry Christmas.**

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 1:67-79

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The power behind you is greater than the task ahead of you.