

He is Everything to Us

It is the Christmas season!! On December 25th, the whole world will celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What's interesting is that the whole world celebrates His birthday whether they acknowledge Him as Lord or not. If someone gives a gift, opens a gift, partakes in a "Christmas Dinner", enjoys a Holiday tree or Christmas tree, they are recognizing the fact that Jesus came as a human to save the world from their sins. Today, while still in the atmosphere of the Spirit of Christmas, I want to share a scripture that says it all...it describes perfectly who He is.

I know He came through a little virgin girl from Nazareth who was willing to "let it be unto her according to the Word of the Lord." In other words, if the Angel said God told him to give her this special message, she was willing to do what was expected of her. I know Jesus was raised by a surrogate father Joseph, and His mother, Mary, but it was still all about Him, and Him doing the will of His Father; being about His Father's business. We never want to take away from the Christmas story, but it goes a lot farther than a babe in a manger or a little kid from Nazareth who was born in Bethlehem. He is more to me than a little baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. He is everything to me and everything in my life.

Acts 17:28 says, "**For in Him we live, and move, and have our being**"— Paul was speaking to the religious people in Athens when he made this statement. And...he had already had a few encounters with the unbelieving Jews regarding this Christ he was teaching about.

In Him: He is the very source of our existence: the principle of life comes from him; the principle of motion also comes from him (one of the most difficult things in nature to be properly comprehended, and a strong proof of the continual presence and energy of the Deity). And so it is...**we live in Him, move in Him, and "are" in Him.** Without Him we not only can do nothing, but without Him we are nothing. We "are" and continue to "be" because of his continued, present, all pervading and supporting energy.

- ◆ **It is in Him** – **Christ Jesus** that **we live:** He gives me the very breath I breathe. He has given us a

body that is fearfully and wonderfully made and offers us Divine health. He allows our senses to lead us, teach us, and control us.

- ◆ **It is in Him** – **Christ Jesus** that we **Move:** My actions and the places I go should be directed by Him. The job I do should be done as unto Him, and my rising up and my lying down should be as unto Him.
- ◆ **It is in Him** – **Christ Jesus** that I have my **being:** (BE'ING,) – Existence; as, God is the author of our being. My Being = state of having existence, the totality of existing things, a living thing. I will love the Lord my God with all my heart, all my soul, and all my strength and mind. I exist because He lives. And, not only does He live, but He also lives in me and **You.**

"I will bless the Lord at all times, His Praise shall continually be in my mouth." My very existence, my being, is in His strength, His Love, His mercy, His grace and my faith in Him. My being is stable and strengthened because He gives me life in abundance. If I truly believe my life is in Him, then where I live, where I worship, what I give, and what I do should be because of Him and unto Him.

Col 1:15-18 NKJV – "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and **in Him all things consist.** 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the **preeminence.**"

Preeminence – superiority, supremacy, greatness, excellence. My being, my very existence is to make Him known and the power of His resurrection. Let's remember that our existence at this Christmas season is to make HIM known and to know Him in an all-consuming way.

Merry Christmas!

Bishop Bob Jayne

CHRISTMAS TIME

It's December, the Christmas Month, and the whole world celebrates the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. While the world uses Christmas to fulfill 80% of their profits in the last two months of the year around the birth of Jesus, the biggest question asked mainly by children (and sometimes even big grown-up children) is, "What am I going to get for Christmas"? Since our Lord is a "giving Lord", maybe we as His children should be "giving people".

I challenge each and every individual to do something that may be considered strange to a lot of people and that is...decide to give a special gift to help someone in need who can't do anything for you in return. Do it in Jesus Name and ask the Lord to let it be a light to those receiving the gift that He really does care for them. The homeless, orphans and widows especially need to see Christ's message of hope and love in a tangible way. We teach our children that it is more blessed to give than to receive, so this would be an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ in a special way.



DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

District Pastors, Ministers & Spouses—Please make plans for Saturday, December 16 at 1PM to come to the District HQ for our District Christmas party. We want to bless those of you who labor for the Lord throughout the year with a little party.

It is so easy to decide you are too busy or don't wish to travel, but remember we are family and it is nice sometimes just to get together and fellowship. It has been quite a few years since we had a Christmas get together such as this. I love Christmas time and Christmas gatherings. There will be nice door prizes, Christmas carols, and of course good food. We only ask that you contact us by phone 512-353-8595, text 361-332-9361 or email info@swtx-pcg.org and let us know if you and your spouse will be able to attend.

We would love to invite our church leadership also but due to space we cannot seat everyone at this time. The deadline for letting us know you are coming is Tuesday, December 12th!! We need to hear from you so we will know how many to plan for. Looking forward to seeing you here for a great time of fellowship.

Bishop Jayne

FROM THE “OPS CENTER”

MERRY CHRISTMAS Southwest Texas District: The holiday season makes me reflect on God’s greatest gift, His one and only Son, Jesus. He poured out His life for ALL, and set the example for us to pour out our lives for one another. In Him, we received His “Life Gift” of Love, Grace and Mercy. I’m reminded of the song, “He Paid a Debt He Did Not Owe”. As a result, we owe a debt that we could never pay, and the beauty is that He doesn’t demand repayment. Instead, He tells us to go and do as He did. Because of Christ Jesus’ “Life Gift” to us, we are now His “Life Gift” to the world and generation in which we live. This Christmas, be the “Life Gift” to those you encounter each and every day. Be Love, Be Grace and Be Mercy! In you dwells the greatest “Life Gift”, JESUS.

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY [SoM]: The next School of Ministry will be held here at the District HQ on **Saturday, January 20th beginning at 9:30 a.m.** Please make plans to attend. The topics and speakers will be announced at a later date.

CREDENTIAL RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE: I have the 2018 minister credential cards, will process them in the next couple weeks, and have them mailed out to all ministers no later than December 31, 2017. As always, I am here to serve as your resource for all things related to the Southwest Texas District and the National PCG Office in Bedford; therefore, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

James Miller Jr, COO

EMPOWERED WOMEN’S MINISTRY

January 1- 31 is Empowered Women's Ministry registration month. The registration is \$5.00 for each lady, \$2.00 stays in the District Women's fund and \$3.00 goes to the National Women's Ministry in Bedford, TX, to help with the various ministries the women are involved in throughout the United States and around the world. You may request of your Pastor, a special Women's service and do your registration at the same time. Let’s stay connected and be a part of a great move.

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BIRTHDAYS

Jack Holderby	8
Robert Jayne	15
Leslie Crawford	23

ANNIVERSARIES

Ray & Cricket Keasler	3
James & Towanda Martin	11
Don & Peggy Allen	18
Joe & Shirley Cheesman	24
Aaron & Bobbie Jayne	31

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Special Prayer for our District Ministers & Spouses

Rev. Pearl Trapini—Recovering from surgery.

Rev. Joe Cheesman—Pray for strength.

Elton Cody—Upcoming tests & surgery.

Continued prayer for our churches in Rockport & Aransas Pass that they can return to some sense of normalcy soon!!



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Rev. Judy Cody (San Angelo).....(325) 650-0905
 Rev. William Wyatt, Jr. (San Angelo).....(325) 212-1447

2017-2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Dec 16—District Christmas Party/DIST HQ

Dec 22 thru Jan 1 Christmas Holiday—DIST HQ CLOSED

Jan 16, 2018—District Board Mtg /DIST HQ

Jan 20, 2018—School of Ministry/DIST HQ