

December 2020 Newsletter

From Heaven's Heart

“Twas the Night Before”

I wasn't around and neither were you that night before; that night before Christmas 2000 years ago. Twas the night before Jesus was born to the virgin Mary in Bethlehem. Twas the night before God came to earth, as man, as the world's Savior...the first time.

In just a few weeks we will be ready for our Big Celebration, the night before. We will be prepared, or will we. Gifts wrapped, lights on the tree, decorations all around the house, Christmas music playing, our Bibles opened to Luke 2 (The Christmas Story), Nativities displayed in a prominent place. For most of us, our homes and hearts will be filled with excitement ready to burst. And there will be a few moments of peace and joy among “most” family members.

Twas the night before, who would dare to be grumpy, fussy, hateful, the night before the unwrapping begins and when wonderful meals are ready for consumption. Twas the night before His first visit to earth.

He's about to make His second visit....and this time, there will not be peace, joy, and certainly no reason to celebrate for many. Twas the night before The Great Tribulation will begin and all Hell is about to break loose on earth. And it is not going to be a picture for most.

And then the day comes. His second coming to earth. The bible tells us that the blood of man will flow to the horse's bridles for a distance of 180 miles. That's a lot of blood. That's a lot of dead men, women and, yes, children. And before the blood flows, the battle will rage as Christ and His army of heavenly angels fight the battle of all battles against the antichrist/Satan and his army. All heaven is broken loose against the forces of evil making way for hell's gates to be opened for the end of time on earth. The days of God's mercy will have ended. The just sentence will be handed down by God. Not a second will remain for repentance and salvation.

2,000 years have passed. How many years remain for God's final judgement? What if it is not years but months, weeks or even days? What if Christ comes again on Dec. 25th, 2020? He's coming a second time and the Lamb's book of life will be closed. There will be no pre-warning. No letter in the mail or text saying you still have time to accept Christ as your Lord and Savior. John the Baptist declared, "Repent for the time is near". Repent, while there is still time.

What I have just shared with you, I have put mildly. Take the time during Christmas to read the warning from John in Revelations. Chapter 14 and 15, don't miss them. Christ called John to himself to show him what was coming and asked him to write it down as a warning. So today, 'Twas the night before, only God knows when, but how and what is going to happen, He has already disclosed this truth for the world.

But the good news...if you have repented of your sins and believed in Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you'll miss out on all the horrible, bad things that are just ahead of those who remain. Those of us who are His, who believe, and remain on earth before He comes again, we Christians will be called up just before all Hell breaks loose. We will miss all of the bad stuff that will last for all eternity. Believers will spend eternity in Paradise. Those who have denied Christ, in Hell. Don't risk it.

Only because of my deep love for you do I step away from my normal uplifting promises of God's hope to share another important truth from God's word. The ugly truth. But the wonderful, beautiful truth for those of us who believe, we will be spared eternal suffering and presented a Crown that we will then place at the feet of Jesus out of our love for Him. The night before His second coming is closer than we think. Are you ready?

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Steve