

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise God who has given us the ultimate Gift. God has given us Himself and that is the greatest gift of all. Love is self sacrificial giving and God has proven His love for us by giving us His only begotten Son. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. And this is that testimony (that evidence): God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life. I write this to you who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) the name of the Son of God [in the peculiar services and blessings conferred by Him on men], so that you may know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have life, yes, eternal life. 1John 5:11-13 Amp. Everlasting life, what a gift. Abundant life, what a gift. Overcoming life, what a gift. Resurrection life, what a gift.

God's Gift is the gift that keeps on giving. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

God our Father is the best Father of all. "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" Matthew 7:11.

God not only gives us gifts but He also gives us gifts to give away to others. "Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." Ephesians 4:8. "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," Ephesians 4:11-12. Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8b.

God's gifts are so great, what can I give Him? I have no greater gift than myself. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1.

With the gift of myself I also give Him Praise. I give Him Glory. I give Him Thanks. I give Him my Love and Devotion. I give Him my Service. I give Him room to live in me so He can make His home in my heart.

Jessie and I want to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks again for all your love, prayers, friendship and support.
Your Servant in Christ. ><> Wayne Brooke<><