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PEACE... *if possible*
TRUTH...
at all costs!

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Dear Friends,

As we step into 2026, we are very grateful for you. Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity have made it possible for us to walk alongside individuals and families who are searching for hope, clarity, and direction. We simply could not do this work without you.

At our core, we have a very-simple mission: to point people toward Jesus and the principles He taught us to follow. Although we are not psychologists or licensed therapists, we know that God's Word and His ways are always the best foundation for healing, restoration, and lasting change. Again and again, we see lives impacted when people are lovingly guided back to the truth, grace, and hope found in Christ.

Again this year, we are anticipating many new opportunities to serve families, strengthen marriages, and encourage individuals who feel overwhelmed or uncertain about their next steps. In a world that often feels noisy and confusing, we are thankful to offer a place where Biblical truth, prayer, and compassionate listening remain at the center.

Your partnership allows us to continue this work with joy and confidence. Because of the help offered by friends like you, we are able to share the love of Christ, and remind people that they are not alone - and that God's plans for them are good... the BEST!

As 2026 unfolds, may you experience God's peace, renewed strength, and abundant joy. May this year be filled with hope, meaningful moments, and a deeper awareness of His presence in your life.



Thank you for standing with us. We look forward to all that God will do in the year ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude,
John (and Sharon) Charles



The TRUTH

For... EVER!

We are living in a period of history when truth is under fire. Many people label mere opinions as "*their* truth," rejecting the very idea of *absolute* truth. They are oblivious to the reality that their very existence hinges on absolute truths that keep the universe operating.

Nowhere is the truth battle being fought so furiously as in areas of spirituality, and particularly in regards to the Christian tenet that salvation is only found through Jesus. Was that baby, whom we celebrated last month, truly God's Son and the **ONLY** Bridge between humanity and God?

Let's review some of the unshakeable **FACTS (truth!)** about who He claimed to be and who, in fact, He is!

Jesus said to him, **I am** the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father **except through Me.**" (John 14:6)

"**I am** the door. If anyone enters **by Me**, he will be saved, and will go in and find pasture ... I have come that they may have life, and they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:9)



Jesus said to her, "**I am** the resurrection and the life, he who believes **in Me**, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes **in Me** shall never die." (John 11:25)

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am** the light of the world. **He who follows Me** shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12)

And Jesus said to them, "**I am** the bread of life. He who comes **to me** shall never hunger and he who believes **in me** shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

"**I am** the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of **this bread**, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men **by which we must be saved.**" (Acts 4:12)

For there is one God and **one Mediator** between God and men, the Man **Christ Jesus**, who gave Himself a ransom for all... (1 Timothy 2:5)

"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)

C.S. Lewis, in his famous work, Mere Christianity, states, "I am trying to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher.

He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.

"We are faced, then, with a frightening alternative. This man we are talking about either was (and is) just what He said or else a lunatic, or something worse. I have to accept the view that He was and is God."

John Wesley wrestled with this question and, as he listened to a sermon describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, he later described his experience, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I feel I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the bore of sin and death." (Journal)

It is easy in the busy-ness of our everyday schedules to ignore the most critical issue at stake... who exactly was, and is, this Jesus we claim to serve?



Have YOU trusted Him and Him alone for salvation and chosen to follow Him whole-heartedly? In this new year, may you and your family put your spotlight on Jesus, mankind's very-much-needed Savior. May you celebrate together **the truth** of what He has accomplished on your behalf!



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