

FRESH NOTES

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*Christian Fellowship
Is Essential To Spiritual Growth!
We Invite You To Come Fellowship With Us &
Be Blessed By The Word!*

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Holiness is everywhere around you,

A radiance that is because it is.

Perhaps you have not seen its light within you.

Perhaps you think your passion less than His.

Yet you have all the radiance of Being,

Even as you wait upon your name.

All have the capacity of seeing

Such glory as no moment can sustain.

Time requires death and resurrection

Even as each being is perfection,

Real beyond the realm of loss and

pain.



Oh God, Forgive Me When I Whine

Today, upon a bus, I saw a girl with golden hair. I looked at her and sighed and wished I was as fair, when suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle. She had one leg and used a crutch but as she passed, she smiled. *Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have 2 legs the world is mine.*

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm I talked with him a while, he seemed so very glad. If I were late, it would do no harm. And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." *Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have 2 eyes the world is mine.*

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue. He stood and watched the others play; he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?" He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew, he couldn't hear. *Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have 2 ears the world is mine.*

With feet to take me where I would go; With eyes to see the sunset's glow; With ears to hear what I would know, *Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I've been blessed indeed, The world is mine.*

We have soooooo much to be thankful for!!!
*Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around
Faith looks up!*



Old Testament

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy
6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther
18. Job
19. Psalm
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon
23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel
28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi

New Testament

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John
5. Acts
6. Romans
7. 1 Corinthians
8. 2 Corinthians
9. Galatians
10. Ephesians
11. Philippians
12. Colossians
13. 1 Thessalonians
14. 2 Thessalonians
15. 1 Timothy
16. 2 Timothy
17. Titus
18. Philemon
19. Hebrews
20. James
21. 1 Peter
22. 2 Peter
23. 1 John
24. 2 John
25. 3 John
26. Jude
27. Revelations

I am an imperfect being,
living in an
imperfect world,
Loved by a perfect God,
Who sees me
as complete in Him!
How can I go wrong!

I am just a Body,
Trying to tell Everybody
About Somebody
Who can Save Anybody!



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HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

*HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE MAY DIE,
HE SHALL LIVE.*

John 11:25

Last Easter morning when I walked into church, I saw my friend and greeted her, "Happy Christmas!" I quickly corrected myself. "I mean, Happy Easter!"

"Can't have one without the other," she smiled.

How true! Without Christmas, there wouldn't be an Easter. And without the resurrection, this day would be just another day. In fact, we wouldn't even be in church.

Christmas and Easter are the most joyful celebrations of the year for the Christian. In the first, we celebrate the incarnation (God taking on flesh and coming into the world). "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son".

In the second, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. "He is not here, but is risen!" the angel said (Luke 24:6). From the beginning of time, these 2 days were inextricably linked in the master plan of the Father. Jesus was born to die for our sins and to conquer death so that we could live.

Which is more important? Christmas—the birth of the infant Jesus? Or Easter—the death and resurrection of the man, God's Son? Both are essential—and both are clear evidence of the Father's love for us.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! AND HAPPY EASTER!

Jesus our Savior left heaven above, coming to earth as a Servant with love; laying aside all His glory, He came, bringing salvation through faith in His name.

CHRISTMAS AND EASTER

TWO CHAPTERS OF THE SAME BOOK.

JOHN 3:13-18

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world

that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

OPENED AND CLOSED DOORS

We need to learn to thank the Lord for closed doors just as much as we do for open doors. The reason God closes doors is because He has not prepared anything over there for us.

If he didn't close the wrong door we would never find our way to the right door. Even when we don't realize it, God directs our paths through the closing and opening of doors. When one door closes, it forces us to change our course. Another door closes; it forces us to change our course yet again.

Then finally, we find the open door and walk right into our blessing.

But instead of praising God for the closed door (which kept us out of trouble), we get upset because we "judge by the appearances." And in our own arrogance, or ignorance, we insist that we know what is right.

We have a very present help in the time of need who is always standing guard. Because He walks ahead of us, He can see trouble down the road and HE sets up road blocks and detours accordingly. But through our lack of wisdom we try to tear down the roadblocks or push aside the detour signs. Then the minute we get into trouble, we start crying "Lord how could this happen to me?"

We have got to realize that the closed door was a blessing. Didn't He say that "No good thing will He withhold from them that love Him?"

If you get terminated from your job - don't be down, instead thank God for the new opportunities that will manifest themselves - it might be a better job, or an opportunity to go to school. If that man or woman

won't return your call - it might not be them, it might be the Lord setting up a roadblock (just let it go). One time a person had a bank he had been doing business with for many years tell him "NO" for a \$10,000 loan. The Lord led him to call another bank. That bank approved a \$40,000 loan for him at a lower interest rate than his own bank had advertised. I'm so grateful, for the many times God has closed doors to me, just to open them in the most unexpected places.

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord,
and He delights in his way." Psalms 37:23*

The Mountaintop is glorious,

But it is in the Valley that I will grow!

ALWAYS REMEMBER GOD GIVES YOU...

Enough Happiness to keep you Sweet
Enough Trials to keep you Strong
Enough Sorrows to keep you Human
Enough Hope to keep you Happy
Enough Failure to keep you Humble
Enough Success to keep you Eager
Enough Friends to give you Comfort
Enough Wealth to meet your Needs
Enough Enthusiasm to make you look forward
Enough Faith to banish depression and
Enough Determination to make each day a better day than the last.

Life must be lived forward

But can only be understood backwards.

*COMMIT TO THE LORD IN WHATEVER YOU DO
AND YOUR PLANS WILL SUCCEED.*

Proverbs 16:3

