

MERRY CHRISTMAS--2017!!!

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It's hard to believe it's Christmas time once again! It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas 2016 and the 2017 New Year. My--how time flies!!!

It is my hope we can all take some time this year and celebrate Christmas for it's original meaning. In my lifetime, I have seen Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years become so commercialized that the real meanings of the events seem to have been lost. It also seems to me that the younger children, and some young adults, now come into the season with a "what's in it for me" attitude.

This year I am hoping those of us who are older Christians will take the time to reflect on our Christmases as children. (And possibly pass along to our kids and Grand kids the true messages of the holiday season!) When we would attend church services on Christmas Eve and Christmas celebrating the birth of Jesus. Thanking God for Jesus' presence here and for the teachings he left us to make our lives better and the world a better place.

The holidays are a time of gratitude--being thankful for our families and loved ones. A time to, if we can, be with those cherished people in our lives and show them the love we have for them! Not so much with gifts but with love from our hearts--a gift and blessing that no earthly gift could ever match!

How I miss the Christmas dinners at my GrandMa and GrandPa's

house--even though at the time I didn't "enjoy" them nearly as much as I would now as an adult. I miss seeing my Grandparents, my aunts and my cousins-- many of whom now are gone. My reflections on the holiday seasons now are bittersweet--warm and loving, yet sad because I don't feel like I fully appreciated my loved ones when they were here.

Please take this Christmas and holiday season to tell your family and friends you love them. We never know when we may not be able to do that again! And, it is my hope, we all will thank God for our blessings and, if possible, help those who are not so fortunate as we are.

Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

God bless--

All my best--

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