

Treasuring His Word...

From the Pastor's Heart:

And when the hour had come He (*Jesus*) reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God... And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:14-16, 19).

I pray that we have not already forgotten what we celebrated Sunday morning as we partook of the Lord's Supper, remembering what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross for our sins. Surely, as we celebrate the gift of Christ to this world by the Heavenly Father during this Christmas season, we would desire to rejoice in the fullness of that gift all the way through the death, burial, and resurrection. And certainly, we would want to proclaim that gift for all men to those who have yet to hear and receive by faith the salvation provided at Calvary.

Several years ago my father wrote a poem about this season. I hope you enjoy it:

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE

My mem'ry seems to slip a gear
And leave me hanging 'bout last year;
But pictures of those won'drous days
When I was young will never fade.

With coats and boots to face the cold,
My Dad and I trekked through the snow
Making footprints knee-deep to me
To find the perfect Christmas Tree.

A Cedar tree that's shaped just right,
With branches close to hold the lights,
Has caught our eye; and we agree
That will be our Christmas Tree.

For many years it was that way:
We'd search the woods one special day
And cut a tree 'round which we'd sing
Carols to the One born King.

Another tree has caught my eye,
Calvary's Cross where Jesus died
And shed his precious blood for me

To forgive my sins and set me free!

A Christmas Tree? And gifts of love?
They too are blessings from above.
But don't forget that other tree--
The truly Perfect Christmas Tree!

--Dr. Gail W. DeBord
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