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Prayer Ministry Spotlight...

"For God so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son." John 3:16

This time of year it seems that the spotlight is on so many different things that if each one represented a light upon a Christmas tree, it would light it up like one of the giant Broadway signs. Not that each one of them isn't important, from family to helping others in need. Yet if we are not careful, the very reason we celebrate this season can become lost in all the glittering packages, shimmering tinsel and the mall parking lot. It can become almost unnoticed or ignored, sort of like that one light on your Christmas tree that has burned out. I can remember as a child that if just one of the bulbs on our light strand was out, the whole strand didn't work. However now, thanks to the new and improved lights, one goes out and nothing happens—the rest of them still keep right on working. And if you're like me, I really don't even notice that one light that isn't working because there are enough of the other lights still working on that strand to light up my tree just fine.

I think as Christians it is essential that in the midst of all the holiday rush, we make ourselves stop and remember Who we are celebrating and why. Oh, we all know the Christmas story, yet do we really see it as God saw it that night? I believe that when He looked down from Heaven that first Christmas Eve, that he did see a present on a tree, but His present was His Son and His tree was shaped like a cross. To His ears, the sound of the new born baby's cry, as he took his first breath that night, was more glorious than any angelic choir. I believe that on that special evening, so long ago, that our Heavenly Father, looking down upon all mankind, was thinking of His special gift that He was giving to each and every one of his children—His son, Jesus Christ.

So this Christmas season, let us not forget that the brightest light we should see is the one that was shaped like a star and shone brightly in the dark of that night, lighting the way for a new hope, for peace and for love, for all. And maybe during this Christmas season as you are closing your prayers, sealing them with "in Jesus's name", take a moment to say "Thank You!" to your Heavenly Father, for His present to you this Christmas.

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Seeking Him...

As you seek Him, ask yourself what present you could give Jesus this year.