Throughout my lifetime, I have always been pleased and happy that there is a joyous season of year called Christmas. There are also during the year other seasons, which make our families, our homes, our society, and every aspect of life truly enjoyable. No time of year is truly quite as wonderful as Christmas. What is there about Christmas that places the season of Christmas so high in our esteem? Could it be the music of this time of year, or is it the art, the decorations, or just the way people are unusually happy and manifesting affection and true interest in one another in every aspect of life. Could it be that for some wonderful reason, people love one another at Christmastide more than any other time of the year? Even hospitals and nursing homes are happier places at Christmas than at any other season.

Could it be that Jesus and His love are closer to us at Christmas? Is Jesus love and wondrous generosity somehow much more evident to people in general, no matter what their belief system might be? Do we mysteriously seem to realize that Christmas shows us who Jesus is and what He has done to make us absolutely aware of His hope and His amazing love for anxious and a worried mankind? Thus at this wondrous season, we show our love for one another with gifts, with hospitality, with mistletoe, and happy times of fellowship. We actually respond with more love and joy than we usually show forth to our fellow human beings.

Little children tend to enjoy Christmas more than busy and hyperactive adults. Even teenagers and young adults are better Christmas people than their fathers and mothers and even grandparents. Since Christmas is a time of love and giving, children always demonstrate God’s love more than their older family members. Jesus must have seen this in adults as He said in Luke 18:17, “Whoever does not accept and receive and welcome the Kingdom of God like a little child, shall not in any way enter it at all.” In Ephesians 5:1 we are told to “copy Jesus and follow His example as well-beloved children.” We are also instructed in Ephesians 5:2 to “walk in love.”

So at this Christmastide at Christian Medical Foundation and across the Christian world, let us enjoy this Christmas in Christ-like love, walking in love, singing lustily and happily as little children, even if we have advanced degrees and are mature and accomplished adults, even great grandparents! Let this be a season of wonderful joy and true heartfelt praise to our Father in Heaven and our Savior Jesus, our coming Messiah.

Coppi and I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.
In Luke 16:16, John introduced the Good News that the Kingdom of God would come soon...Luke 17:20-21.............For the Kingdom of God is within you. II Kings 14:17......Lord open his eyes and let him see.
There have been many times in my life I heard the Rhema of God (and as Tommy Tyson would say “It seemed good enough to be of the Lord”) - I say it is when the written word (Logos) is lifted off the pages of God’s word and becomes Rhema to your spirit. This was one of those times...I was walking on my treadmill reading the above scripture in Luke when I read “for the Kingdom is within you”. I jumped off the treadmill and wrote in large “orange” letters across my Bible, “The Kingdom of God begins when Jesus becomes real to you”. Years ago when I went to enroll in a Bible School, I thought if I could be constantly learning theological principles, etc., and being around people who were interested in the same desires I had, eventually I would find the Love of God. But when I went to enroll, the registrar, whom I did not know, said to me (I believe it was a prophetic word), “If I were you, I would go home and type scripture and find out “God loves you”. I did just that and my prayer then and is today, “Jesus open my spiritual eyes that I may know you, your love, and the abundant life on earth as in heaven”.

“Jesus is the Kingdom of God and He reigns on this earth and in my heart as well as in heaven.”

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