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The Pen of a Ready Writer

...I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:

My tongue is the Pen of a Ready Writer (Psalm 45:1).

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Greater Love hath no Man than This...

At that day (when the world sees Christ no more in the flesh - John 14:19) ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him (John 14:20-21).

How does the Lord Jesus Christ manifest himself to all that love him? By his words: *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him (John 14:23).* John states it in his first epistle: *Truly, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3b).*

God is light. In him is no darkness. If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth: but, if we walk in the light (that is, in God; in God's Word), we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:5b-7).

We were made clean through the word which Jesus has spoken unto us (John 15:3). That word was illustrated by Moses: *As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:14-15).* This is the new birth.

We abide in Christ by his words; and, by his commandments, he abides in us (John 15:7). His commandments are two: believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and love one another (1 John 3:23). Abiding in Christ's words results in bearing much fruit (John 15:5) and having his joy fill our joy (John 15:11).

That *fruit* is the fruit of righteousness, which is sown in peace of them that make peace (James 3:18). It is the fruit of our lips, offering the sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15), the fruit of the Spirit of Christ (Galatians 5:22-26).

His joy was to do God's will (Hebrews 10:5-9), to always please the Father (John 8:29). Christ laid down his life for the Father's will, that we might live!

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Perfect Peace through the Lord Jesus Christ

This year, for Christmas, I asked for one thing from my children: pictures of my wonderful grandchildren with which God has so blessed me. Seven are from my two sons and their wives; and, seven are from my new son and daughter, and their spouses, through my marriage to Richard. Together, we have fourteen precious grandchildren.

As I placed all fourteen pictures around the house, one thing stood out: they all had a beautiful smile, a smile that makes my heart melt! I love

hearing them call me, "Nana." I love their tenderness and their love for one another.

Isaiah 26:3 comes to my mind – *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.* I am praying for perfect peace, the peace that I see in their eyes and the smile that they now have. I am praying for each one of them to keep their eyes upon Jesus.

With my first husband, Jerome, we prayed daily for our children and grandchildren. Now, with Richard, that is still the daily pattern: we pray that they will know that perfect peace, whatever the storms they face in this life, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ!

God's Everlasting Love

God the Father so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son (John 3:16), a Son whom God loves (John 3:35). The Father will also love him, the man who loves God's Son (John 14:23). God will so love this person that he and the Son will come unto him and make their abode with him (John 14:23), which explains the indwelling of the Spirit of God, who is also called the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9).

God loves his children. He knows them that are his (2 Timothy 2:19). They name the name of Christ (2 Timothy 2:19b), and they have done so since they heard the gospel of their salvation and believed (Ephesians 1:13). Jew or Gentile, we become God's children by faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:26). This is the new birth (1 John 5:1).

The Lord Jesus testifies to this truth: *The Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me and have believed that I came out from God* (John 16:27). The Lord states this when teaching his disciples about prayer: *At that day, ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you...* (John 16:26-27a).

The Father loves Israel, receiving all who will believe on Christ (Romans 9:31-33). He loves them with an everlasting love: *Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with loving kindness have I drawn thee* (Jeremiah 32:3). Receive his love.

A Merry Heart... (Proverbs 17:22)

A retired man volunteered to cheer up folk at the hospital. After telling jokes for 30 minutes, he said, "I hope you all get better."

To which one man replied, "I hope you get better, too!"

What Cancer Cannot Do

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Our Daily Bible Reading Schedule for 2022

By reading three chapters in the Old Testament and one chapter in the New Testament, beginning January 1st, the New Testament is completed by September 17th, and the Old Testament by November 6th.

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