



The Spotlight - January 2022



Greetings from Dripping Springs in Texas!

Yes, we're a long way from home, but not far from the home of our daughter, Leanne, who lives in Waco and who, on 3rd January, will marry her fiancé to become Mrs. Chase Strickland. We're thrilled to be welcoming this lovely young man into our family and we're delighted that Leanne is being equally welcomed into the Strickland clan. These two precious children will begin their one-flesh life as children of God in just a few days and there can be no better start - no wonder we're beyond happy!

Of course, we're reminded that though many haven't had such a wonderful start to married life, God's Christmas gift is a gift that keeps on giving in the best sense of the phrase. So, if, like us, you entered into your marriage without Him or have been doing life alone without His guiding love and presence, it's OK, for He's still willing to bless you. His love means all who want to receive His Christmas gift can do so no matter what the time of year. What a gift!

As always, we leave you with links to messages featured throughout the past month.

- [1. Do ALL things REALLY work together for good? - John Miller](#)
- [2. Why Did Jesus Come? - Alistair Begg](#)
- [3. The Truth About Christmas - Don Blackwell](#)
- [4. Worshipping God at Christmas - John Lindell](#)
- [5. Three "Musts" for a New Year - Charles R. Swindoll](#)

So, we end 2021 by sending love and best wishes to you and your loved ones for 2022. May you know and so grow in the love of our Heavenly Father and receive His blessings throughout!

*Love and blessings always,
Jim & Elaine*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons^[a] of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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