

DEAR FRIENDS

As you may already know, I am a huge fan of Christmas, and the Christmas season! I love it! I love the music, the movies, the get togethers, the food, and of course, I love the ability for us to celebrate and worship the birth of our saviour, Jesus!

I'm so thankful to say that this year is no different, and not only am I just as excited for Christmas as I usually am, but I actually think I'm more excited than ever!

I know what you're thinking – "wow, what's he expecting to get under the tree?", or something along those lines. At this point, I have no idea what gifts I might get, other than maybe some coal of course:)

So, why the excitement?

Over the last couple of years, it feels like we've been dealt bad news, after bad news, after bad news. First wave, second wave, third wave, and so on. In person schooling, events being cancelled, lockdown this, lockdown that. All of this, on top of the already difficult things going on in our world. It's hard, and exhausting.

So, again, why are you so excited for this Christmas, Grant?

Luke 2:9-10

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Did you hear that?

GOOD news, that will cause GREAT JOY for ALL people!

Christmas is the time when we are celebrating one of the single greatest moments in the history (along with Jesus' resurrection) of our existence, and not just for one group of people or nation, but for everyone across the globe. People are hungry for hope and good news, and Christmas is full of it!

I'm praying that this Christmas, you experience a season full of the hope, joy, and peace that Jesus brought down to earth on that very first Christmas!

If you would like to make a Christmas donation towards my ministry with Youth Unlimited YFC Stratford, you can do so using the slip enclosed, or online at www.yfcstratford.com/donate

Merry Christmas!

Peace. Grant Dodson
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