



In the Light of this Season



Today, we will exchange hearty seasonal greetings, and head home for the holiday break. What a blessed gift at the end of a long year, and just in time to help us get ready for 2013. In this brief message, I would like to make a gift of wishes for you inspired by the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

I wish you the joy of knowing that your chosen work has meaning and significance.

I wish you peace and a grasp of the reality, that despite our futile efforts to control our lives, that God is, and always has been, in full control.

I wish you patience and serenity in all things.

I wish you surprising, unexpected kindness, and goodness, too, in abundant measure.

I wish you faithfulness and courage for the journey that is your life.

I wish you gentleness and self-control, and that others would see the face of God reflected in your life.

Finally, my wishes end where all things begin: I wish you love – profound, embracing, all-encompassing love – experienced fully and shared generously.

Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and warm wishes for a brilliant New Year.

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