

December 2022

## JOHN CARTER WRITES: "IT'S BEEN FOR MANY A HORRIBLE YEAR. BUT HERE ARE TWELVE REASONS TO BE THANKFUL..."

### 1 GOD IS STILL IN CHARGE.

Not Putin, Biden, Harris, Trump, the Pope, Xi Jinping, or the rocket man in North Korea. Therefore, we will not worry. We are thankful.

### 2 WE ARE STILL ALIVE AND THE BEST IS YET TO BE.

Therefore we will live in joyful expectation. We are thankful for the promise of the future.

### 3 WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE.

Not by being perfect. Just as well, no one would be saved. Therefore we shall have peace in our hearts. We are thankful for the GOOD NEWS.

### 4 JESUS IS COMING.

Everything will be okay so we will not fuss or fret. Therefore we shall be content and thankful.

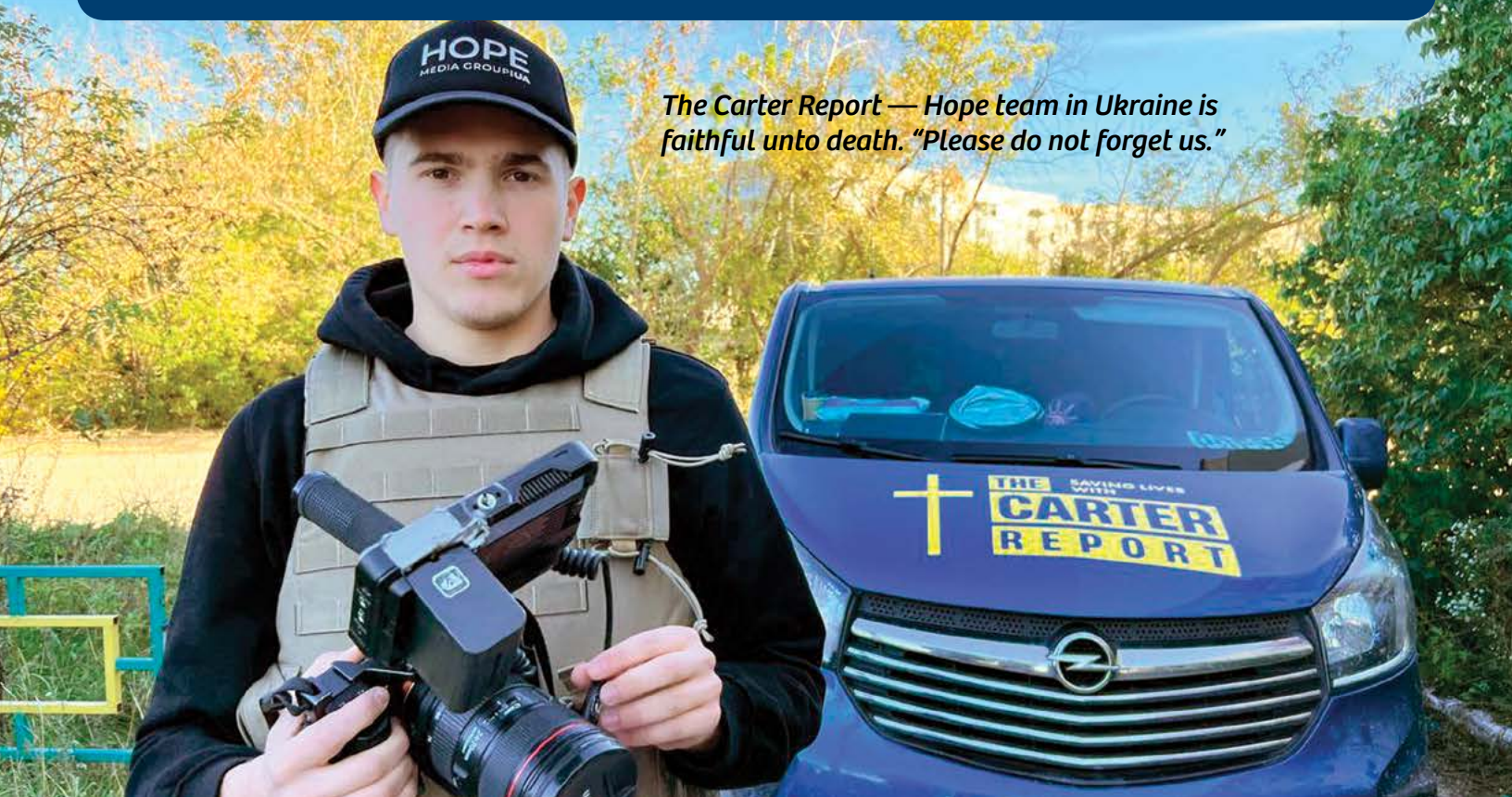
### 5 OUR FAMILY STILL LOVES US.

That's good news seeing there are no perfect parents or kids. Therefore we shall enjoy the blessing of family. Thank you Jesus.

### 6 THIS ANNUS HORRIBILUS IS DYING AND GOOD RIDDANCE.

At home inflation is raging. Our cities are drug infested crime centers. America is a house divided. Ukraine has survived, so far, thank God. Therefore we shall continue to support them. Thanks be to God that our hope is in Christ the Lord.

*The Carter Report — Hope team in Ukraine is faithful unto death. "Please do not forget us."*



**7 WE HAVE JUST BUILT WITH YOUR HELP AN EVANGELISM CENTER / TV STUDIO IN UKRAINE. INCREDIBLE!** Therefore we will continue to dream the impossible. We give thanks.

**8 I CAN STILL WORK LONG AND HARD FOR JESUS.** I will be 84 years old in two months. WOW! I remember my first sermon when I was 17. The audience was long suffering. By grace I will preach the Gospel as long as I live. Thank God for saving sustaining grace.

**9 I AM BLESSED WITH FRIENDS EVERYWHERE.** Therefore I will keep in contact and be grateful. Thank you Lord for people who put up with me.

**10 HEAVEN IS REAL AND SOON WE WILL BE YOUNG AND STRONG AGAIN.** Therefore I will accept my infirmities as temporary. Thank you God that I can still walk, run, read, preach, and stir the pot.

**11 THE BIBLE AND GOD'S LAW LIGHT UP MY WAY.** I am dumbfounded by the insanity of our lawless society. I am glad there are still real men, women, boys, and girls. Therefore I will celebrate Christian marriage. Thank you Lord for the antidote to the poison of sin.

**12 GOD IS THE ONE GREAT DEPENDABLE.** People disappoint. Earthly things pass away. Therefore my soul shall rest in hope, and at last I shall see the King in His beauty. I am thankful.

**LET'S TELL THE WORLD WE ARE THANKFUL.  
LET US PRAISE THE LORD, AND TELL OF HIS  
MARVELLOUS WORKS FOR THE CHILDREN OF MEN.**



## WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT JESUS?

He is the person He said He was or He is the biggest liar who ever lived. He called Himself the I AM, THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE. He forgave sins. He gave eternal life to the dying thief. He hushed the angry sea to sleep. He predicted His Gospel and His words would be preached everywhere. John said He was the eternal Logos, the source of all life,

knowledge, intelligence, and wisdom. He also said He was God. The writer of Hebrews declared Jesus was the Creator and Yahweh in human flesh. The evidence says He is the greatest person who ever lived. He died at the hands of RELIGIONISTS and SECULARISTS, but He is alive. All power has been given to Him as King of kings and Lord of lords.

MILLIONS ON DECEMBER 25 WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH. The date is wrong, but the event is real.

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*“O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ The Lord.”*

# WHAT'S GOOD AND BAD ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

The gross commercialism is bad. Family togetherness is good. The fact that the whole Pagan world remembers Jesus for one brief moment is good. Reading the old story together is good:

*"And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.*

*Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

*Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.'*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:*

*'Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" Luke 2: 1-14  
NKJV*

This is the plain record of the greatest event in history. God became a human. He was born a baby boy in the ordinary way. His mother was a young Jewish girl, Mary by name. His real father was the Holy Spirit. When Mary breastfed Jesus, she was providing sustenance for the Creator of a billion galaxies and a trillion stars. Amazing. Incomprehensible.

The religious people five miles up the road were too busy with their ceremonies and committees to notice. The politicians were too busy scheming and feathering their nests to even imagine that the God of Eternity had invaded time and space. Religionists and secularists had one thing in common. Amazing stupidity wrapped up in respectability.

So what's changed? By God's amazing grace, we can be different, even like the poor carpenter and his wife. Or the people looking after their sheep. Or even like the foreigners who followed the star from afar.

By grace, we can break away from the crowd and worship Him in a meaningful way.



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