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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

***Phil. 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father. (NIV)***

These next three verses from Paul's letter to the Philippians show us the purpose for Christ's coming to this earth. It is the climax of all of the work of Jesus. And this is the highest exaltation from every living being. There is absolutely no doubt, that when Jesus came into this world through the hand of God, He was the very hand of God. That is the only reason for this proclamation. There will be a day when every knee will bow, no matter believer or atheist. Some will bow because they have made Jesus Christ their Lord. Others will bow because He is LORD of all. One way or the other, every knee will bow. The whole world of living beings will be present and will bow before the King. That means the wealthy and the poor, the ancient and the recent. Even Satan himself and all of his misguided demons will bow their knee before the King of kings and the LORD of lords.

Not only will they bow, but they will also confess. Every tongue will speak the truth. This will be the only time that Satan has done this. They will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD to the glory of God the Father! Many will confess with joyful hearts but others with eternal despair. His name is salvation to the saved and damnation to the lost.

When we celebrate the birth of Christ to this world, we are also looking to the exaltation of Him to this world. He came with a purpose; to seek and to save those that are lost. He has done His part. He has given His very life for this cause. There is no greater gift you could give than to tell them the gospel. Let's make this season a season of salvation. Let's give the only gift that has eternal value. Let's lift up the name of Jesus and confess Him as LORD right now! JESUS, YOU ARE LORD!

**Dear LORD, You gave everything for us. Help us to give everything to You. In Jesus Name, Amen**