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# GREETINGS FROM GREENVINE

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By now, you are all aware that one of my favorite songs is: “Wonderful, Merciful Savior.” It is. My mind relaxes and settles on our Savior when I sing that song. I have played it so often that my fingers have memorized the chords and the pick correctly. Sometimes as I’m playing, I get lost in the words and don’t even think that I am playing the guitar; however, the music continues to play. I truly love that song. It speaks so well of our Lord Jesus Christ and some of His attributes. I would like to take some time today to simply look at those words and phrases. They are so similar to the ones in Revelation chapter 1 and 4 that we are looking at on Sunday mornings together.

The song goes like this:

“Wonderful, merciful Savior.

Precious Redeemer and Friend.

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?”

In Isaiah 9, which we usually read at Christmas time goes like this: **“For us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

Those are the words that the Holy Spirit gave to Isaiah in reference to the coming of the promised Messiah; the Anointed One.

He is Wonderful. Some of our translations say, “Wonderful Counselor” as if the word Wonderful describes the word Counselor. As true as that statement is, the two words are separated and are to be taken as two distinct attributes of the Son of God.

Jesus is Wonderful! An old hymn I used to sing while growing up is:

“Isn’t He wonderful, wonderful, wonderful?”

Isn’t Jesus my Lord wonderful?

Eye has seen, ear has heard

It’s recorded in God’s Word,

Isn’t Jesus my Lord wonderful?”

When I stop to consider just who He is and what He has done for me, I think of how wonderful He is.

I remember watching Billy Graham Crusades on the television with my family growing up.

Sometimes they would sing “Oh, How I Love Jesus.” Ethel Waters would sing a contra tune to express her love for Christ. It went something like this:

Choir would sing: “Oh, how I love Jesus.”

Ethel would sing: “To me, He’s so wonderful.”

Choir again: “Oh, how I love Jesus.”

Ethel: “To me, He’s so wonderful.”

Choir: “Oh, how I love Jesus”

Both together: “Because He first loved me.”

**1 John 3: 16 says, “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.”**

We know love, because Christ demonstrated it to us when He died for us.

Romans 5: 8 says, “God demonstrates His own love to us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**1 Peter 2: 9 says, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”**

The word in the original language of the Bible could be translated, “astonishing” or “marvelous” or “remarkable” or “miraculous” or “amazing” or “wonderful.” All of those words together would be a distinct expression of that characterization of Jesus Christ. All of them could be put together to accurately describe the attribute of Jesus summed up in the word “Wonderful.”

“There is a name I love to hear, I love to speak its worth,  
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.”

“It tells me of a Savior’s love, Who died to set me free;

It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea."

"It tells me what my Father has in store for every day;

And though I tread a dark some path, yields sunshine all the way."

"It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my. Deepest woe,

Who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below."

"Oh how I love Jesus, Oh how I love Jesus, Oh how I love Jesus,

Because He first loved me." "To me, He's so wonderful."

We have many added prayer requests this week. Spend much time talking to your Heavenly Father about them. Blessings upon you all. Jack & Karen

## Announcements

- Woman's Bible Study - Will start a new study, Jesus and Woman in the Bible. It will begin on Saturday March 6 @ 10:00am
- Men's Prayer Breakfast - Wednesday Feb 24, @ 7am
- If you are interested in a Wednesday evening Bible Study led by Jack, please contact the church office
- Celebration of Life Banquet - Thursday March 4, 2021 - The church will provide a table - Let Jack know if you would like to attend
- Are you staying home because of Covid and would like Jack to bring communion to you? Please call the church office to schedule a time.

## Prayer Requests

Please remember too pray for those in our congregation that live alone.

Bob Rippenhagen  
Alice Ahlhardt  
Gerri Smart

Helen Schulte  
Bobbie Schulte  
Becky Demuth

Vicky Hoffman  
Linda Brumwell

Carolyn and her family in the loss of Felton

Vicky Lee and her family in the loss of Gary

Zella and her family in the loss of Sylvester

Linda and her family in the loss of Tommy

Alice Ahlhardt recovering from surgery

TK Condren - recovering from surgery

Carol Witte - Praise - News from Cardiac Doctor was better than expected

Joe Durrett - Stomach cancer and heart attack - Coming home on hospice care

Gerri Smart's Grandson, Bobbie Wilson, lost his mother and sister - anger issues

Gerri Smart's relative, Dana, broke her leg

Deborah Steven's mom fell and broke her pelvis

Ed and Lee Ehring need to move and are looking for a house to rent

Ray and Bev Morris - Bev and been diagnosed with Alzheimers

Sandra - At home recovering from her accident

Cliff's dad has dementia and is not doing well.

Bobbie Schulte - Not feeling well

Mandy Forester - Upcoming Brain surgery

John Forester - Recovering from tooth and sinus surgery. Eye surgery coming up

Sandra Carson's daughter Candace is having some mental health issues

Bob & Sadie Easley - Health issues

Ed Ehring's sister Julie Robison is suffering from Alzheimer's.

Vicky Hoffman - legally blind but her eyes are getting worse

Prayers for those working in health related jobs, for protection. Especially those from our own families:  
Karen at St Joseph - Susan - State School - Zella Johnson

Please remember to pray for those in our congregation that are not getting out during the pandemic

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