

# The Greatest Gift- Christmas 2016

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Today is one year since my youngest daughter got married in Cochin, India. My family and I were so blessed to have my cousin Jogi put me in touch with our Azhikakathu Ayroor family, he has always being inviting me to participate in the annual Azhikkakathu Ayroor event.

When I got in touch with our family members they were glad to hear from me and without me asking they ask whether they could help in anyway. Special thanks go to Somi and his brother, Kunjumon and Renjith.

Besides thanking Jogi who has always being giving without asking, I must also thank my eldest cousin sister Kunjumol, my aunty and Princy. All of them gave selflessly.



Today is Christmas, Our Father gave selflessly "The Greatest Gift" of All. It came unwrap, it is timeless and it is priceless. Jesus is the Answer for These Times.

We are all searching for answers to how we should live and how to stand strong in these increasingly uncertain, turbulent times. It seems the world is in the most unstable, chaotic, and shakable position it has ever been in from the economy, elections, and global terrorism to the very fibers of morality. I think to most of us, it is becoming more and more obvious each and every day that our relationship with God – who He is and how He sees us – is the ONLY thing that can't change. However, what is not always so obvious to us is how our moment by moment thoughts and

feelings become barriers to experiencing the close relationship with God that we are seeking, especially in these times.

We grow in intimacy with God when we think and feel the same way he does about ourselves and others, in other words, when our hearts are “aligned” with His. Did you ever notice that it is impossible to experience intimacy with God when you are critical, accusing, condemning, or shaming of yourself or others? That is because you are not aligned with His heart – you are not thinking or feeling the same way He does about yourself and others. He would never speak to you that way, He doesn’t see others that way – He sees us as we were created to be: in His image, holy, blameless and beyond reproach, beautiful to Him even in our weakness and imperfection. His heart is ravished toward us and toward others. Therefore, if you want to experience a closer, more intimate relationship with God, it is important that in the moment-by-moment of each day, you are aware of how you are thinking and feeling about yourself and others.

So, receive "The Greatest Gift" today and may you have Joy and Peace. Merry Christmas.