***Christmas on Earth as it is in Heaven***

Isaiah 61:1-9

**Isaiah 40:1**   
"Comfort, O comfort My people," says your God.

***What on Earth is Jesus doing?***

* Jesus is offering me good news!
* Jesus is offering me comfort!
* Jesus offering me freedom!

**Leviticus 25:10-11 (NIV)**   
10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each one of you is to return to his family property and each to his own clan. 11 The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines.

**Galatians 5:1 (NIV)**   
It is for *freedom* that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

**Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)**1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life *set me free* from the law of sin and death.

* Jesus is offering me joy!

***Joy is the serious business of Heaven.*** *– C. S. Lewis*

***Why on Earth is Jesus doing this?***

*God loves me because of Who He is, not who I am!*

***What on Earth am I doing with this good news?***

* Has Jesus changed the way I live my life?

**1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**Revelation 1:5b-6 (NIV)**   
5  To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6  and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

* + Priests deliver the WORD of God.
  + Priests lead the WORSHIP of God.
  + Priests WORK with God for people.
* Has Jesus changed the way I experience my life?
* What’s my level of COMFORT because of Jesus?
* What’s my level of FREEDOM because of Jesus?
* What’s my level of JOY because of Jesus?

***GOOD NEWS! GREAT JOY!***

***He comes to make His blessings known!***

**2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NIV)**   
1 As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. 2 For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.