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Dear Connecticut Saints:

God's abundant blessings to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

During this time of year it is very easy to see that error in doctrine will produce error in practice. The erroneous teaching concerning the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25; the arrival of the "three wise men" that same evening; singing angels and other wrong teaching, beliefs and mental images have kept the Christian world reeling in confused practice for centuries.

In Power For Abundant Living we learned that we stand approved before God by rightly dividing His Word (II Tim 2:15). We will have the Word of Truth to the extent and proportion that the Word of God is rightly It is when we have the right doctrine of the Word in our minds that we can cultivate the right believing in our hearts to carry out the right practice in our lives.

It is abundantly evident that wrong doctrine and practice is not limited to the subject of the birth of Jesus Christ. The subjects of Jesus Christ being God; the dead being alive in heaven; how to be born again; the availability and operation of the manifestations (erroneously called gifts) of the spirit; the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the truths regarding the Day of Pentecost and so many other areas of God's Word have been wrongly divided and therefore have resulted in wrong believing and practice. It is no wonder that error has replaced truth and that tradition dominates over the Word of God for so many millions of people around the world.

Thankfully, we are not among that number because of the Word that we have been taught and that we believe. However we can never afford to sit back and just point out the error that is rampant, but rather we must let the example of our lives and words that we speak make the rightly divided truth of God's Word known to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Philippians 2:15

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world:

We are the lights in this world! May we so shine during this season and all seasons that the glorious light of God's Word can shine brightly wherever there are committed believers holding forth the right doctrine and exemplifying the right practice of the true Word of God.

In His love and service,

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