

Christmas

Christmas is not a once-a-year event, even though I've often tried to make it so. Nor is it based on some idealized concept of what the world expects Christmas to be...although I've tried to meet that expectation, too...and, in most years, have failed rather miserably.

It is, however,

- waking up and feeling good about the day, yourself, and everyone else;
- seeing angels (if only in your mind's eye) and hearing them sing in your heart;
- wishing and hoping for impossible dreams;
- knowing that all good things come from God;
- and that with God, ALL things are possible;
- taking an incredible leap of faith and not falling;
- risking everything because it was the right thing to do;
- looking at something through old and weary eyes and suddenly seeing the sparkle and newness that was always there;
- having nothing left to fear;
- and knowing that you are loved.

It is all of these things and more.

So, expect Christmas, every day! In fact, revel in the expectation...and turn and become like children; because, I tell you in God's Name, "Be not afraid, for I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be for all people."

Christmas and all the gifts of heaven are waiting to be opened by each and every one of you who has a humble heart...for into such a manger will the Christ Child be born.