

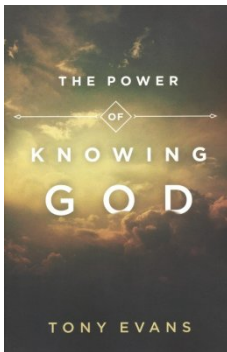
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### BOOK OF THE MONTH



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### SCRIPTURES

#### Our Savior's Birth

**December 1-5**

*Matthew 1:18-25*

**December 6-12**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

**December 13-19**

*Luke 1:26-38*

**December 20-26**

*Luke 1:67--79*

**December 27-31**

*Luke 2:1-20*

### The Pace of God's Mercy and Grace

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as though some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*

It has been a long time since Jesus initially came to earth one blessed Christmas morning over two thousand years ago. Just as the believers in biblical times had to wait many years before the Lord came to save them from sin and death, we are here in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century waiting for His return – not as Baby Jesus - but as King Jesus! In the scope of how God has planned the building up of His Kingdom and the joy we have to look forward to when we one day get to Heaven and live in His Presence for all eternity – we are blessed by the pace of God's mercy and grace on our lives.

We should say, "Thank you, Lord," when we become impatient with ourselves, each other, the world, or even with God when we endure countless tests and trials in life. God's mercy forgives us, and His grace blesses us with underserved favor wherever and whenever we fall short during the process of having our hearts transformed into the likeness of our Savior. God's pace allows ample time for each one of His children in creation to discover and walk in their true identity that is found only in Jesus.

As long as we live and walk in the light of Jesus, we are to be about our Father's work wherever he invites us to join Him. Then can we be on our way spreading the Good News about Jesus and drawing to Him the many lives of people who are also *looking for something...* until they come to understand that they were *looking for Someone* Who dearly loves them. Jesus Christ is *Someone* Who we cannot live without, and God's mercy and grace are gifts we cannot do without. For however many Christmases and New Years that are still yet to come on the earth, may we always be grateful for God's pace and covering on our lives unto the day His Kingdom comes.

*May the Lord continue to bless and keep us this Christmas season and throughout the coming New Year.*

*Pastor Daniel Simmons*