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**A very Merry Christmas and a
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Mark 12:28-31
"Of all the commandments,
which is the most important?"
Jesus replied, 'The one that
says, Hear, O Israel! The Lord
our God is the one and only God.
And you must love him with all
your heart and soul and mind
and strength.'
31" 'The second is: 'You must love
others as much as yourself.' No
other commandments are
greater than these.'
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ON 'THE ROCK' 2000

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Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year to all of you from Iris, Stormy, Snookie and all the crew at Kootenay Stone Centre.

Here it is nearly Christmas again. It is hard to believe a year has already gone by. All the doom and gloom reports of the so called experts regarding Y2K never came to pass. Praise the Lord.Mom and the rest of my family are doing well. God has been good to us and it will be an even better year in 2001.My crew are great bunch and I sure thank them for all the extra effort they put in to help make this business a success.....It has mostly been a good year at Kootenay Stone Centre, but there were some sad events. My precious faithful companion Kayla is gone. I'm not sure what happens to animals when they die, but if dogs go to heaven....my Kayla will be there. I'm so thankful she was here all those years to be my special friend. It is hard to go to my camp at the Duncan without her. We spent such wonderful times together there. She was happy just to be with me...even on the long 100 mile drive over and back. She would bounce along beside me as we walked down the gospel road to the lake to go fishing and then lay on the bank waiting patiently, her eyes lovingly watching me trying to catch a fish. She loved our weenie roast and had to have hers cooked too. Even when her one back leg became so bad she had to just hop on the other one she tried to follow me everywhere. It was so sad.We buried her out in the pet cemetery and I painted KAYLA "Faithful Companion"

on her tombstone.Stormy is doing well and still enjoys his color TV in the barn. Michael Guilfoil a reporter from the Spokesman Review in Spokane wrote a wonderful article called 'STONE AGE' about my stone business which you can read on my web site at naturalstonesite.com . (My son James put it on my web page) In the somewhat humorous article, Michael wrote about Stormy having his own TV tuned to Trinity Broadcasting Network... He is such a funny horse. The other night when I went out to feed him, he picks up a big bunch of hay and dumps it on my head. Hay and seeds stuck all over me. But that is not as bad as the time I was changing the bandages on his leg and he dumped on my head...and it wasn't hay!....I seem to have a cat that replaced Snookum. She is a stray and I called her Snookie. She is not very keen on fellowship...especially since I made her stay in the house because I was afraid the raccoon who had taken up residence under the house might decide to have her for lunch. Being the Christmas season perhaps she will forgive me and let me catch her again..

(Dec.2000)

....Dear Father in heaven....

In Jesus name I pray for special blessings this Christmas and in the coming New Year for my family, friends, neighbors, employees, business associates, brothers and sisters in Christ (and even my enemies if I have any)...and all our loved ones (including our pets). May you all prosper and be in good health. I thank you in advance Lord for all you are going to do for each one of us and most of all I want to thank you for giving us the greatest blessing of all.... the opportunity to have a loving personal relationship with a living Savior. - Amen

My Sons –
THE COMPUTER MECHANICS

Both my sons are now in computer businesses. James (Bakken) who became the same age as me this year was the first who began his business

Bakken Custom Computing

about 10 years ago. He specializes in consulting, sales and service, computer training, maintenance, trouble shooting, network installation, and hardware/software installation for small businesses. His partner Lori (who is a real sweetie) focuses on web design and computer programmingPhone 367-0047 or e mail

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I have had many compliments on the wonderful web site he designed for me. (naturalstonesite.com) Now he is designing another one that is even better. The thing that I learned best that James does is teaching how to turn the computer on. Recently I was working on my computer and I ran into a glitch. Sometimes out of the pure blue it will come up on the screen...THIS PROGRAM HAS PERFORMED AN ILLEGAL OPERATION.....It always makes me feel so guilty. Like the RCMP are going to tap me on the shoulder and haul me off to jail. Anyway it did that. I tried everything to get out of it...but couldn't. So I had learned that the next thing to do was shut down the computer and re-boot it. (I have learned that is what the computer people call starting it up again and probably that is part of the problem. If they would use good old standard English one wouldn't get so confused.....possibly!) So I push the little button on my computer and it wouldn't do it's thing. I tried everything I could think of to no avail. Finally I

phoned for James to tell me how to fix it. He tried to help me over the phone, but it still wouldn't start. I went without my computer for several days til Jame could come out. He went into the office and I hear him go "MOM...The computer is fine....what did you do?" I went to look and sure enough it was working. I marveled at this genius son of mine. Then I showed him the little button I had been pushing to start the computer. "MOM that is the re-set button not the one that starts the computer!" It turns out that the bar between the buttons that looks like it is part of the case is the thing you have to push to boot it up.It reminds me of the other time I couldn't get my computer to work and James came and showed me that you have to wiggle the mouse to make the stuff come up on the screen because my screen saver was turned off. Oh the joy of it all.....eh Jame?

Randy (Israel) my oldest son, who is much older than me now, has an office in downtown Salmo...called **The**

Computer Clinic which he opened this year. -phone 357-2950 or 357-2507.....He does computer repairs, sales, upgrading, digital photo enhancing and lots of other stuff. Randy is the one who put wonderful music on my web site. He is very talented at designing and it was him who designed the beautiful angel gate posts that grace the entrance to Kootenay Stone Centre. It is great to have two such talented sons.

EVERREADY

When I go somewhere I always take a lot of stuff....I come by it naturally. My Mom doesn't have a car...but she has this big bag she packs everywhere. You

cannot imagine all she packs in there. She is set for any emergency!I'm sure even a national disaster. Like me she even packs spare set of false teeth. If she had a car she could pack enough stuff to minister to the needs of the multitudes.I guess I shouldn't make fun of her though.....One time when I was going over to my camp I was stopped by the RCMP. He shone his flashlight in my car and asked me if I was moving. I told him no...that I was just going camping. He looked kind of funny and said..."For how long?" "Oh just for the weekend I said" I bet he is still shaking his head about that.

WHICH IS WITCH?

Some weird things have been happening in our town and even here. Symbols, signs and such have been showing up...even in my warehouse. There has been a lot of witchcraft promotion and the like going on in this area, and being a Christian I stand against such things, so someone was probably just trying to bug me. I don't like to think of someone wondering around my place at night for any reason...but especially that kind of stuff. I'm not afraid of it but I don't like to have to put in more security measures just because others are so immature. It is time we all get together and clean this sort of thing up.

One morning I got up and when I looked out the window I saw a black cloth thing laying on my stone porch. It hadn't been there the day before. I wondered if someone had put it there to try to frighten me or something. When the guys came in for coffee I asked what they thought of it. One who had lived on the Island where there is a lot of witchcraft said "It looks like the cloths the witches use to wrap their taro cards in." I said "Well we sure don't want that

around here". After coffee he offered to burn it in the shop stove. I said "Sure but I want to pray over it and anoint it first." I did and he took it to the shop and burned it. About half an hour later I was in the shop and phoned my truck driver and his wife answered. We talked for a bit and then she said "Did you find a scarf out there? I lost it last night when we came in for coffee. I said loudly enough for the others to hear "What color scarf was it you lost?" "Oh a **black** one eh." The guilty party looked a little sheepish and started whistling like he'd never heard a thing.The moral of this story is she is not going to bring him any more baked goodiesand I gave her another scarf...a nice **WHITE ONE**.

TOM TOM BEATING

Robert our driller-blaster who is part Native is also our resident jokester. One day when the guys were repairing the outhouses that had been hit by a tree in last years windstorm Tom went over to the little yard office and was looking in the window. Robert...ever observant for a joke opening spies him and says "Oh look...there's a peeping Tom. Later on someone told another Tom joke and Robert quickly latched onto that...What is a Eskimo peeping Tom called?...Tommie Took-a-Look.But we have a good joke on Robert...we are waiting til he goes out in the shop and see's the new **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** framed picture hanging on the wall. It is an old toilet seat with a picture of Robert proudly displayed! Wish we had a motion camera we could rig up that would take a picture when he lifts up the lid to see who the employee of the month is.

NOT LOOKING SO GOOD

One morning in church over in the Duncan one of the ladies and I were talking and she cautioned me about my glasses sitting on the pew seat. "Be careful you don't sit on them she said." I assured her I wouldn't....and started talking to someone else. When the service was over. I started looking for my glasses....and you guessed it.... there they were under the stuff I had piled on them and then scooted over and sat on when someone came to sit beside me. They were looking more like pretzels than glasses...one lens had even popped right out. Since then I discovered the churches have these neat little boards with round holes in them in the back of the pews in front of us for holding our glasses. You just stick the 2 arms on the glasses frames into the little holes. There are 3 or 4 holes usually. I guess the ones that are real close together are for if there happens to be any narrow minded people that might come in.

.....WANTED.....
GOOD HOME FOR CHURCH MOUSE

Last year I discovered that there was a mouse living in my car. When I got gas at Lardeau Valley Service they found a mouse nest of shredded paper towel on top of the battery. I cleaned it off and was hoping that was the end of it. Next I discovered that the mouse had gotten his nest material from the roll of paper towel under the back seat. I tore the used end off and assumed that was the end of it. Not so! I soon discovered that the mouse had been busy shredding the other half of the roll of paper towel. I'm not sure how long he had been traveling with me back and forth to my rock quarry 100 miles away. It is interesting to speculate on the spiritual

condition of this mouse. He has listened to praise music, Christian counseling tapes, and many prayers for hours and hours during our travels. I'm sure he now knows all about Jesus, the evangelistic message and inner healing. I had thought of putting up an add to see if a church might be interested in adopting him. I named him 'Christopher the Christian Mouse'. He would have made a great 'church mouse'....but of course I would have had to catch him first. I tried everything. I even bought a special mouse trap that wouldn't hurt him and used natural tahini instead of peanut butter as now apparently peanut butter is no longer good for you. But he outsmarted me every time.....One trip over to my camp I had bought a candy apple and was looking forward to my special treat...but....guess who got to it before I did? He must have had a real special trip that time.....Well he apparently got off somewhere along the way when it got colder as I stopped finding chewed up stuff and mouse droppings. Perhaps he had learned all he needed from my traveling seminar for that year.But I guess he decided he needed a refresher course again this year because he showed up in my car once again. Count it all joy!

CHRISTIAN REVIVAL 2000

We held our 3 rd. annual Christian revival and had a wonderful time. The entertainment and food was great. Dave cooks the best hamburgers in the world. Having the big tarp to cover the seating area really worked well for both sunshine and rain...of which we had both. There was lots of talent and joyful messages from on our little stage, wonderful fellowship and lots of games available. We built a new baptismal out

of an big old wooden boat and so far four people have been baptized there. Chris, with assistance from Tom, did a beautiful job of the carpeting for it. We stood big flat stones with the scriptures about baptism painted on them all around the area.One evening when Chris and Ann came out to paint on the rocks and highway event signs I was painting the sides and floor of the boat. They were teasing me about being careful I didn't paint myself into a corner. Ha...ha...ha....and headed off to their projects. How silly to think that I might paint myself into a corner. There really weren't any corners on a boat. I was painting away as quickly as I could as there were many others things that needed doing. I was really slopping the oil based paint on thick so it would cover and seal any porous spots in the wood. Deep in thought I painted the seat at the bow of the boat and started to paint the floor at the bottom of it a bit so I wouldn't have to reach so far when I got out. Right in that part somewhere is where I made my mistake. ...I kept on painting and backing up. All of a sudden it dawned on me that I couldn't back up any more as the wet paint where I had painted from the other end of the boat was right behind me. "Oh no....I hadn't painted myself into the corner...but into the middle of the boat." I was surrounded by thick wet pretty blue paint. And me with my new expensive work shoes on. I decided to humble myself and call Chris and Ann to help me get out without getting paint all over me. Perhaps they could put a board across the boat I could climb out on. But they couldn't hear me because I had the music turned up so loud. They were just praising the Lord and merrily working away while I hollered my lungs out. Finally I gave up and climbed up and

over the side. Blue paint all over my new shoes.....not to mention all the teasing I had to put up with. I figured there would be no problem with the shoes as I painsakenly washed them with paint thinner....until the thinner dissolved the glue and the soles started to come off.Oh....count it all joy! Stormy was a part of it all of course. I dyed a cross and neckchain in his hair. He looked so cute. He takes his job as an evangelist very seriously....he gives out love all the time. People's hearts are softened by his loving nature. Who couldn't believe in God when they see this beautiful creature He created and hear of his miracle healing. Stormy didn't like the idea that I wasn't going to let people wonder into the little pasture he had to stay in during the revival. As fast as I would put up the KEEP OUT signs he would grab them with his teeth and tear them down. It was hilarious...We are hoping for an even bigger turnout next year so start making plans to come now. It will be on the long weekend in Aug. There is no charge. We welcome people to share the gift and talents God gave them. .

PRISON MINISTRY

Our Bunnie Klassen now has a Rev. in front of her name and is doing prison ministry. She does a wonderful prison newsletter 'SOULS IN STIR.' Bunnie doesn't know I am doing this, but I know she could use financial help with all she is trying to do for our Lord. She is so on fire for Him and it is sad that often money stands between her desire to help ...and reaching the lost. If you are looking for a good ministry to sew seed into...this is definitely a good one. Her address is 'ON FIRE MINISTRIES' #24 2124 30th Ave. S Cranbrook B.C. VIC 7A4

THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

I always seem to have more things to do than there is time for so when I finally got around to doing my Christmas shopping I was totally absorbed in it. I was glad the store was open late and had hopes of getting it all done. When the lights dimmed I looked at my watch and figured there was still time left and this must be like a 'last call' thing so you would know they are closing soon. The store clerks had looked around and somehow missed me and figured the store was empty....so they locked up and put everything away. Imagine their surprise when from way out back where they were they finally heard someone calling..."Helloooois anyone here?" The manager said he's never had this happen before and he didn't know what to do. Happily for me...they decided to write everything down and put it through tomorrow. On the way home a song about it came to me....

GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS BLUNDER (a true story)....to the tune of Jingle Bells

Grandma got locked in the mall, when it was nigh to Christmas eve
The lights went dim but she didn't realize, that it was time to leave

She rushed away up this isle, and then down over that,
She had to feel around, to find just where the stuff was at.

Determined she would find the presents, for her family
Though the sizes caused a problem, as it was hard to see.

The stretchy stuff was easy, as it would surely fit,
But there were those ones, who will have to fast a bit.

When she finally finished, with a sigh of great relief,
What she now discovered, was way beyond belief.

The store seemed all deserted, and she was left alone,
It was kind of creepy, just like the twilight zone.

Had the rapture happened, the thought just crossed her mind.
And just like that great new movie,... had she been "LEFT BEHIND"?

Where were the guard dogs hiding, and when would help arrive?
Would she have to climb a ladder, in order to survive?

Grandma was real happy to discover,... you can surely bet,
There were still some humans, that hadn't left just yet.

Because the store was shut down, and no machine to figure things,
They had to write it all out, and really pull some strings.

They were so kind and helpful, to help her on her way,
They'd never had this happen, just like it did today.

Thank God for the Christmas Spirit, and good people everywhere,
And especially on this shopping night, for those who were still there.

But I can't help but wonder, as I rode on out of site,
What did they really think, about this strange pre-Christmas night!

By - Granny Iris

SIN AND IT'S CONSEQUENCES

Matt 28:18-20

I have been thinking about the wonderful plan of God and our part in it. We are His greatest creation...created in His image. I often wondered why God allowed Adam and Eve to be tricked by Satan into handing this world over to him and his evil ways that cause such pain and misery. The sin of disobedience Adam and Eve committed when they ate from the forbidden tree opened mankind up to the knowledge, and choice of, good and evil. When people go against the will of God and choose sin people are hurt. If God stopped the consequences of sin...He would not be allowing the free will to choose. Sadly, often the innocent are hurt by the wrong choices of others. For instance when a person chooses the sin of alcohol or drugs many others around him or her suffer, usually those who are dearest to them. Or look at the sad consequences if someone chooses to sin sexually. Not only does their choice of sin separate them from God, look at all the lives that are affected and the pain that comes from it. The sinning person does not mean to hurt others usually, they are just selfishly choosing what they want to do rather than what God wants them to do. Many people suffer the effects of being an unwanted or abused child throughout their life. No matter how much others love them they still have that feeling of not being good enough, or the raging anger and shame of the consequences others wrong choices did to their lives. And unfortunately because of these wrong feelings they too are separated from God...sometimes even blaming God for what happened to them. They may end up choosing sin themselves...often the

very same sins that caused their own pain. (It is called bitterroot judgment and expectancy) Unrepented sin can also open us up to demonic control or oppression, (strongholds) where we seem to have no control over the wrong we do. We need deliverance for this. We need to discover the 'legal right' the enemy used to gain access to our life in this area and repent to close that opening.The good news is Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted and to set the captives free. Jesus said in Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed (anointed KGV) me to preach Good News to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted and to announce that captives shall be released and the blind shall see, that the downtrodden shall be freed from their oppressors, and that God is ready to give blessings to all who come to him." TLB (...or "to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." KJV) This was Jesus' ministry and it is the ministry of every believer. Those of us who have learned the wonderful Truth of God and His marvelous love need to go and tell others the way to find this freedom and joy. Anyone can be reconciled with God and enter His kingdom today...so though we are still in the world...we are no longer a part of it...by our own free choice. This always was and still is Gods plan. No one can enter the kingdom of God except by the way He provided...the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ.

When we choose to ask Jesus to come into our heart and be Lord of our life...we not only receive eternal life, He begins to heal our old wounds and hurts. As we are filled with God's' Holy Spirit and begin this wonderful relationship with a living Savior we desire to study His Word (the Bible) and fellowship with other believers. We

discover God's great love for us and the wonderful plan He has for our life. We learn what God considers sin (that will, and has, hurt us)...and the way to our healing. Forgiveness is one of the greatest weapons in the healing process. We need to forgive those who hurt us and we need to ask His forgiveness for the wrongs we have done.

Unforgiveness is also a sin and it separates us from a whole relationship with God. When it is just too hard to forgive on our own...we need to act in faith and ask Jesus to help us to forgive. Each time that offense comes to our mind we need take it to Him again...until...wonderfully one day we find that the pain is finally gone. It is like a big weight is gone from our shoulders and the sun shines brighter...the roses smell sweeter and life becomes a joy even during our trials.....May God bless and keep you and your loved ones always.

THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY

I believe Christians need to give testimony more often to what Jesus and His word has done, and is doing in our lives...and the wonderful lessons we learn...and the trials He helps us overcome. Perhaps that is what is meant in Rev.12 about the saints overcoming the enemy by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. It is not bragging to tell of the marvelous works our Lord is still doing today. If people don't tell others what God is doing today how will they know?

One of my fishing experiences I like to share is about overcoming fear. I bought a little cartop boat to go fishing on Duncan lake. I managed to get it down to and into the lake and set off to the other side. I rowed all the way across dragging my fishing line behind me. All

of a sudden I noticed the wind was coming up quickly. I decided I'd better get back to the other side. I rowed and rowed...but the wind just kept pushing me back. The waves were getting higher and the thought that I couldn't swim was uppermost in my mind. Til I remembered that even if I could swim I would probably never make it if my boat swamped because the water was so cold at that time of year. Not a very comforting thought! There was no one around of course. No one else was crazy enough to be fishing in these conditions. The road goes along the mountain above the lake but it was a long ways away. Fear was really starting to get a grip on me as I struggled to try to get back to the other side. Then the thought came to me that what I needed to do was pray and ask for help. So I prayed and asked God to send His angels to protect me. I asked Jesus to help me. I quoted the scripture "God does not give me a spirit of fear...but of power and of love and of a sound mind." I put my back to the wind and rowed and rowed...but with confidence this time. I knew I had nothing to fear and that Jesus was in the boat with me. All of a sudden I couldn't row any more. I soon discovered that I had gotten stuck up on a shallow spot. The waves looked ferocious all around me but I was stuck there. It was still quite a ways to shore and I was tired. So I decided to take a rest. I put my praise tapes on real loud and sat there in the midst of the storm praising God and enjoying my lunch. I laughed at how funny it would look if someone was up on the road and saw me sitting there in my little boat, feet propped up, with waves all around me...picknicking and just having a jolly time in the Lord....The storm wasn't letting up so I figured it was time to get

off the reef and try to get to shore. I kept pushing with the oar and bouncing. I finally got free. I was rowing away and then I discovered...the water all the way to the shore was only about knee deep. I could have got out and walked to shore. It taught me a good lesson. The situation had only looked frightening. I had overcome fear by the Word of God. Isn't God marvelous? We only need to really turn to Him and He will help. He will never leave us or forsake us.

TRINTY BROADCASTING NETWORK (USA) +THE MIRACLE CHANNEL (Canada)

I am so blessed to be able to get TBN on my big old TV dish. You can only get it on the old big dishes and it is for free. You can't get it on the little Canadian dishes or cable systems....**But the good news is now you can get THE MIRACLE CHANNEL on the little Canadian dishes and on some cable systems. For those that don't provide it on their cable systems you could get in touch with them to see if they will put it on. On the STARCHOICE DISH it is on channel 358 + 357 right now. On BELL EXPRESS VIEW it is on channel 464. There are wonderful Christian programs 24 hours a day on both TBN and THE MIRACLE CHANNEL.** There are those little nuggets that just stick in your mind. Some are funny others are serious. There are a lot of good health and healing programs, cartoons, teen and children's programs and lots of great music, some family movies, live viewer phone in programs and prayer lines....They all have a good positive message. Here are a few that I recalled to share with you. I don't remember the names of everyone who said them. One was by John Hagee. He was preaching how the wife is supposed to

be submissive and follow her husband and then he said "But Bubba...it is hard for your wife to follow a parked car!"And then there is Robert Schuller's "Turn your scars into stars"More nuggets..."Turn your test into a testimony"....."Turn your mess into a message" For those who have messed up and feel there is no way out...remember how after Jesus had risen the women were told to go tell Jesus' disciples **and Peter** (who had denied Him three times) that He would meet them in Galilee.

THE BIG DECEPTION

Sadly **alcohol and drugs** have ruined so many people's lives, and the lives of those around them. If they only understood how it sneaks in and deceives them they would never touch it in the first place. I am writing this in hopes that it may help someone to avoid the pitfalls of this deadly deception. Besides being addictive it alters the mind and even destroys brain cells. People often do and say things they would never do if they weren't under the influence. It also affects their relationship with God...not to mention their witness to others. Receiving the Salvation of Jesus Christ is not a license to continue to sin. There are many Christians who continue to smoke pot or drink and don't seem to understand that they need to first of all recognize that it is sin and then repent and take it to the Lord. He can help them out of it if they are really serious about wanting to quit. It may take lots of prayer, some curse breaking, deliverance, inner healing and help to break the addiction, in the process to help get them on their way to breaking this stronghold and being set free from it...but with God nothing is impossible.

There are those that argue that it is okay to smoke pot. Don't be fooled...it is a mind altering drug. It opens the doorway to experimenting with even harder drugs. There are lasting affects to the short term memory, it affects motivation and the drive to succeed, it is as addictive, if not more than cigarettes, a person receives much more tar into their body than they would from a filtered cigarette, it has also been shown recently that pregnant mothers smoking it increase the chance of their baby having Leukemia and much much more...you can find lots of accurate information about it and other drugs at www.samia.com/groups/antidrug/ Marijuana and other drugs can also open a person up to the demonic. "A New Testament word translated sorcery comes from the same Greek word as our English word, pharmacy. Quite obviously this has to do with drugs; a more relevant and contemporary application could hardly be found. The denunciations contained in Rev 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; and 22:15 apply to those who use drugs to bring on trances during which they claim to have supernatural knowledge or power."

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....There are also those that claim some people need to take it when they have cancer. Well some people take other drugs or pain killers in times of sickness and disease too...but that doesn't mean it is good for your body or mind...and they wouldn't consider it a way of lifestyle.

Gen 1:29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; **to you it shall be for food**"(not for

getting high on and messing up your mind)

Const. Dave Barnhart has been doing the DARE (Drug abuse resistance education) program again this year. He has been doing the program for the grade sixers. I hope it will expand to teaching more youth and even adults the dangers of getting into these things. In the program he teaches 8 different ways to say no when drugs are offered to them. The program teaches how to build self esteem and respect for others. What I like is how the young people are also learning to respect the RCMP through all this. They are coming to understand how the police are not their enemies and how much they do care for their well being and safety. I see it as the same way God's Word tells us not to do certain things...because it will harm us. If we trust and obey we will avoid many pitfalls and save ourselves and those around us from many hurts and griefs. It is real love when a father teaches his child not to put his hand on the hot stove so he will avoid being hurt. Some hurts...you can't take back...there will only be deep remorse.

.....We should all take our hats off and say a big thank you to the RCMP for doing this program in Salmo and especially to Const. Dave for all the effort he puts into it. Our young people are our future.

A WORD FROM OUR SAVIOR

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you

always, even to the end of the age."
Amen. (NKJ)

John 3:16-21 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. 18 "There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust him to save them. But those who don't trust him have already been tried and condemned for not believing in the only Son of God. 19 Their sentence is based on this fact: that the Light from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 They hated the heavenly Light because they wanted to sin in the darkness. They stayed away from that Light for fear their sins would be exposed and they would be punished. 21 But those doing right come gladly to the Light to let everyone see that they are doing what God wants them to."

(TLB)

Mark 8:38 And anyone who is ashamed of me and my message in these days of unbelief and sin, I, the Messiah, will be ashamed of him when I return in the glory of my Father, with the holy angels." (TLB)

AND NOW A FEW WORDS
FROM OUR SPONSORS.....

.....Kootenay stone Centre has lots of beautiful natural stone for sale in various colors, textures and thickness'....even in the winter. See our web page with over 60 pictures of stone projects at our new (domain name)site address naturalstonesite.com

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MASONRY TRAINING is

planning to have a big year doing stonemasonry training courses beginning in the spring. We are getting inquiries from places very far away because of the Internet. I see possibilities for some small businesses opportunities doing room and board for students that come for the two week and one month courses. If anyone is interested let me know. There will be courses from one day beginner classes to two week and one month career courses if anyone is interested in learning to do stone masonry. The school is on the net at the same address. God Bless!

.....It is hard to separate all that goes on in my business. Everything I do is connected. I am continuing with developing the CHRISTIAN THEME PARK....It takes a long time and a lot of money so I am going to begin selling paintings on rock and signs done on rock to help raise money through the ministry in order to get it done faster. I have some ideas for printing big monument stone slabs for church yards, parks etc. I am also going to make custom greeting cards. I also hope to finish at least one book and the proceeds of it will also help. If you can think of any other unique ideas please let me know.

Thank God for the precious gift of His Son and never forget that JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THIS WONDERFUL SEASON! And though we celebrate His birth at Christmas time, remember what He grew up and did for us. -Amen