

NEW YEAR'S WISHES

Well, Christmas is over, the hype and busyness of the past weeks are behind us and we're looking forward to the New Year in this, the final week of year 2009. I can't help but think back a few years. Remember Y2K? About this time in December of 1999 our computers had been readied against any malicious attacks; now, in December 2009, we're slowly emerging from the brush we had with the near collapse of the global economic system. In the midst of all of this, however, there is so much to celebrate. Here are my wishes and my **HOPE** for you for 2010:

Heart happiness: may you experience the deepest kind of joy and happiness, the kind that doesn't depend on any circumstances. May you have joy the middle of every storm, strength for every challenge and a deep satisfaction in knowing all is well between you and your Maker.

Opportunities: no matter what your "day time" job, I pray that you will realize open doors to explore your dreams in new and unimagined ways. May you find new roads to travel, new mountains to climb and new victories to celebrate.

Peace: above all the material blessings you may (or may not) acquire this coming year, I pray that you will know what it means to be kept by the peace of God. To know Him is to know the Prince of Peace.

Every good thing: one of life's greatest challenges is to find the good in some of the most difficult situations. May you be blessed with the wisdom, humility, trust and delight in the will of God that will enable you to mine treasures from the depths.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy." Philippians 1: 3,4