

# Advent's Gift of Love



A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:1-2

He [God] chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:4-6

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the clouds. Psalm 57:10

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Psalm 86:5

Return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God. Hosea 12:6

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,  
who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,  
comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. Deuteronomy 7:9

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:9-12

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. John 15:9

**May Advent's gift of LOVE fill you and overflow to others.**

All scriptures, unless otherwise noted, are taken from the Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.  
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