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## *INTRODUCTION*



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Christmas brings out the image of Jesus in a manger. But Jesus is so much more. Who is Jesus to you? How does he look when you take him out of the manger. Ask yourself Who is Jesus to Me?

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16**

*GOD BLESS!*

*DECEMBER 1, 2025*

### **AS A BABE**

What better way to enter into the month of December than by looking at the person's birth we celebrate; starting at the beginning?

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."** Luke 2:11

Jesus has been born! He is here, starting out the same as you and me; tiny, defenceless, dependent on others for everything. His mother took care of him the same as we do. **"She wrapped him in swaddlings clothes and placed him in a manger,"** A practice we still do today. Even though a stable was Jesus' birthplace, care and love were given. As with all new births, Good news travels fast. The shepherds in the fields were the first to know. **"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."** Jesus started with the lowly shepherds, showing that all humanity counts. **"When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,"** They went to check the facts, and making sure it was true, they told everyone on the way back to the fields. **"The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."** This was the new beginning they were praying for, hope for a new way of life, the hope that had been lost returned. They knew their prayers had been answered. Not the way they thought, but answered. There was something to be joyful about, to look forward to. A new strength to grasp and know it was real. They could rejoice and have peace about the future.

They knew that Jesus would be more than a babe in a manger!

**"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."** Luke 2:14

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### AS A KING

*"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the **Son of Man** sitting at the **right hand** of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." heaven."* Mark 14:62.

Jesus would be elevated to Kingship, but at what cost? This was no title just handed down from generation to generation. This was a title suffered for, bled for, and fought for. Alone without the help of angels or the Father.

Jesus has lived the life of man, did not sin, and died for the sins of others: US! *"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."* Matt. 28:18. The greatest royal position! No one else could earn it. No one else is worthy of it.

He is a King who will supply all the needs of his people. *"And my God will **meet all your needs** according to the riches of his **glory in Christ Jesus.**"* Phil, 4: 19. A King who will protect his people. *"The Lord is my rock, **my fortress** and **my deliverer**; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, **my shield** and the horn of **my salvation, my stronghold.**"* Ps. 18:2. A King who will fight for his people every day. *"For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you **to fight for you** against your enemies to give you victory."* Deut. 20:4. And most of all, he is the King who died for you. *"When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed **his head** and **gave up his spirit.**"* John 19:30.

*DECEMBER 3, 2025*

### **As A CREATOR**

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** John 1:1

Jesus has been here all along. He was with God when the animals, sky, and sea were formed. When the foundations of the earth were put into place, he was there. This, he has authority over. He knew before he began, how events would play out. He knew how important it was.

**"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."** John 1:3. Just think of everything you see in a day. It would vanish if Jesus didn't make it. If he didn't hold it in place, breathe life into it, sustain it, and nourish it.

**"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind."** John 1:4. Isn't that great? He was and is life! **"Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils, the breath of life, and the man became a living being."** Gen. 2:7. That life is the light of the world that shines through us. Put there on purpose, for a purpose. The breath that gave man life is still giving life to man, **"He (man) himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the Light."** John 1:8, through the Lord God Almighty. No one can take that away from You! John the Baptist said; **"Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given."** John 1:16. Colossians 3 says, **"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."** (1-10).

**"For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."** Our Creator. Col. 3:3

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### **HIS PURPOSE**

Jesus prepares us for the purpose he knows we are good at. **"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."** Phil. 2:13. Now we can put on the Armor of God!

The purpose of the Lord is always good and always comes with resistance. That's why we need the armor! **"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."** Gen. 50:20. What you think is a failure. What you think harmed the situation, may have touched hearts you will never know about.

Our purpose is to become more like Him. He tells us to keep our eyes on what is **"good and just and true."** Phil. 4:8. To **"love our neighbor, not to steal, and don't lie,"**. (10 Commandments) The purpose! To build trust, love, kindness. **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord."** Is. 55:8.

His purpose! To change the mindset of man. Kindness to build trust, Trust to build love, and Love to build truth and goodness. These are all for the betterment of man. His ways are the cornerstone of all creation. Working together for the good of all, not just some. A bond that cannot be broken. A goal beyond oneself! **"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."** John 15:13.

The purpose of unity! Working together for the common cause. "The Lord". Letting his light shine through you the best it can. Taking the first step in a journey that is pure LOVE! Not for ourselves by for His purpose.

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."** Rom. 8:28

*DECEMBER 5, 2025*

## **OUR MASTER**

A Master is one above my station. One I obey and do my best for. A master provides and takes care of those under his charge. **"Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven."** Col. 4:1.

We need not be enemies with our master, for we are working toward the same goal. **"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."** Matt. 6:24.

There are times when servants do the Masters bidding. We are advocates of the Lord. **"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."** Gal. 6:10.

A Master can reward or withhold from the servant. Giving encouragement or correction. As servants, we are no longer our own. The Master is in control. **"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."** Job 1:21. The end result is in our choices!

In serving the Master, the good servant is given more responsibility, more rewards. And the poor servant will feel the correction of the Master, with less rewards. It is not a life of leisure, but a life of working together in unity. There is a place and time for everything, and those who abide by the Master will succeed!

**"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"** Matt. 25:23

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### **OUR SAVIOR**

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11**

The world will never be the same! Jesus the Savior of all mankind came as a babe, putting his life on the line so that we can be free. But for him to be our savior, we have to accept his gift, his direction. **"Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me"** Matt. 10:38

Are we truly willing to take his gift of life, or are we still waiting for him to do it our way? To be saved from anything, we have to listen, follow, and obey. We have to set down our ideas, and our ways, for the directions of the one saving us. **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.** Is. 55:8.

There is only One Savior, Jesus Christ! He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,"** 1 Tim. 2:5. No one else is coming and we cannot save ourselves. It is our choice!

He is loving, caring, compassionate, and sympathetic. He has done everything there is to be done. He has supplied all there is to supply. But when the rubber meets the road, we have to do it his way. Are we willing to accept his love and his boundaries. They are there for our own best interest, our own well being. Because of His love!

He is the Savior of our Soul! An everlasting Father of all Fathers!

**"That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe."** 1 Tim. 4:10



*DECEMBER 7, 2025*

When My Mind is Stayed

In perfect peace I am kept,  
when my mind is stayed on Thee  
I trust You God for my strength  
and the power You instill in me.  
Justice kissed this stony heart,  
Your mercy I have met . . .  
joy fills up my weary soul  
on You my eyes are firmly set.  
My mind rests in You Lord,  
in quietness I hold on to my hope  
I give You my earthly woes  
for I know no other way to cope.  
Grace now has found a home,  
inside this once empty life  
filling up the lonely spaces  
where once lived only strife.  
In perfect peace I am kept,  
for I trust in only Thee . . .  
it's only by Your power Lord  
that I have any strength in me!

*Poet: Deborah Ann Belka*

*DECEMBER 8, 2025*

## **OUR REDEEMER**

Jesus is our REDEEMER! The One who possesses the right to redeem what has been stolen from us and give it back. There is no one else who is without sin. No one else that could overcome the curse of death. **"For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him."** Rom. 6:9. He has redeemed, given back the everlasting life that was stolen, now no one can take it away.

In restoring our life, he too has promised his faithful people, **"I will restore to you the years the swarming locust have eaten"** Joel 2:25. He will restore the peace, love, contentment, that was taken from us since the garden of Eden. He will restore our confidence in him and ourselves. **"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."** Phil. 1:6.

He made it possible for all to be saved. To restore his kingdom and us to the original plan. He grew up to be our Lord and King, and we are a part of his royal family. **"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."** Is. 9:6. He will redeem a Godly realm.

But for now, He lives within us, changing us from day to day. Preparing and redeeming us to our original selves. Teaching us the lessons for royal service.

**"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth." Job 19:25**

*DECEMBER 9, 2025*

## **OUR FRIEND**

What is the first thing you think of when you think of a friend? Fun, trust, loyalty, strength, companion! Someone with the same outlooks on life, that has your back when things get rough. Do we see Jesus as a friend or just as an authority. He said, **"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."** John 15:13.

Jesus laid down his life for us! He must consider us his friends and not just his subjects, or servants. **"To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame."** Ps. 22:5 He trusts us and we trust him, friendship in action. Without trust, there is no love. Jesus himself calls us "friend": **"You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."** John 15:14-15.

We never need a lot of friends, but the friends we choose, we choose carefully. Jesus is a friend we can rely and depend upon, one we can trust, knowing us better than we know ourselves, and still never flinches. **"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."** Prov. 18:24. Your family and earthly friends may turn away, but Jesus will always be there. He cries with us, and laughs with us. We learn from him and he always speaks the truth. Two friends together are always there to strengthen and lift up, to encourage and defend.

Can you see Jesus as a friend? Do you celebrate a friend or an authority to be feared? Both are equally important, a friend to guide and an authority to respect.

**"A Friend loves at all times"** Prov. 17:17

*DECEMBER 10, 2025*

## **OUR FATHER**

**"Our Father, who art in Heaven!"** Matt. 6:9 The Head of the Universe and everything in it. Everyone and everything answer to him. **"God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,"** Gal. 4:4. He sent Jesus and gave him authority over his people and the earth. (John 17:6) Jesus is the link between God and man. By being born under the law he put himself in the state of man, and yet did not sin. Therefore, bringing us into kinship or sonship with him and God. God and man together. **"To redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship."** (4:5) Two-in-one, Man and God, same purpose, same goal, same love.

As we take on the mantle of Christ as believers, we are no longer children of the world. We become God's children. **"Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So, you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir."** (4:6-7) We are his to love, hold, teach, discipline, and care for. We are now bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, made in his image, a resemblance of family.

Have we become a chip off the old block? Do we mimic Jesus, asking the question "What would Jesus do?" Do we forgive as he forgave? **"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."** Matt. 6:14.

He is a good, good, father! He restores what has been stolen. He protects and defends. Can you see his hand of mercy? James tells us:

**"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."** (1:17).

*DECEMBER 11, 2025*

## **OUR BROTHER**

**"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."** Matt. 12:50.

Just think of it! Your big brother is Jesus, and like all big brothers, he is there to give advice and challenge you. And like all big brothers, it is ok for him to do it, but no one else. Haha

The love of your big brother is shown in the things he has done and will do for you. Dad sent him to earth and he came. He preached his good news and did the job he was sent to do. Your big brother died for you, in your place. **"Greater love has no one, but to lay down ones' life for his friend"** John 15:13. Defending you and saving you from that punishment.

We are free because of our big brother, and no one can take that from us. He went to and rose from the depths of Hell to protect us from evil. He has gone away to prepare a place for us to live, and has left his spirit with us to guide us. He promises to return and get us some day. What greater love is there than this.

While you are here, **"he meets all your needs according to his riches in glory"** Phil. 4:19. He has taken on the role of a shepherd in your life. **"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me"** John 10:14. His advice is great in your life. **"If you remain in me and I in you, you will prosper; apart from me you can do nothing."** John 15:5. **"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."** Jer. 29:11.

Isn't he the best big brother?

**"I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE! No one comes to the Father, except through me."** John 14:6

*DECEMBER 12, 2025*

## **OUR CONFIDANTE**

It is always good to have someone to confide in. Someone who understands and can relate. Jesus is our confidante; he is the one who sees all and knows all. **"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."** Ecc. 1:9

Do you see Jesus as the one you can tell everything to? Who is dependable and reliable? **"The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."** Prov. 18:10. When you cry out Lord, he is there. When you have no words to cry but groan, he is there. He knows your pain, sorrow, and fear. **"Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice."** Ps. 55:17. No matter the time of day or night, the Lord is available. We can cry out, we can vent, we can groan! **"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears."** Ps. 34:4.

Jesus always has the right answer, the best answer. A perspective we seldom see ourselves, and yet when brought to our attention, we simply say "of course". **"I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me"** John 14:6. He always makes a way. He always tells the truth. And he always lifts us up and gives us new life and energy to carry on. Now that's what I call a good friend and confidante.

When you are at the end of your rope, at the bottom of the barrel, or when there is no hope in sight, **"Where do you go but to the Lord"**? Why do we go to the Lord? Because we all know inside that he is the one who truly cares. The one who has given his ALL for us, and knows our every need.

**"He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them, he remains faithful forever."** Ps. 146:6

*DECEMBER 13, 2025*

## **OUR PROTECTOR**

The best gifts to receive are safety and being loved. The scriptures tell us the Lord is our protector. He will keep us safe.

“Whoever goes to the Most High for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, can say to the Lord; “You are my defender and protector! You are my God; In you I trust.” He will surely keep you safe from all hidden dangers, and from all deadly diseases. He will cover you with his wings; you be safe under His care; His faithfulness will protect and defend you. You will not be afraid of dangers at night; or of sudden attacks during the day, of plagues that strike in the dark, or of evils that kill in daylight. A thousand may fall beside you, ten thousand all round you, but you will not be harmed. You will look and see how the wicked are punished. Because you made (make) the Lord your defender, the Most High your protector, no disaster will strike you, no violence will come near your home. God will put His angels in charge of you, to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands, to keep you from hurting your feet on the rocks. You will trample down lions and snakes, fierce lions and poisonous snakes. God says, “I will save those who love Me, and protect those who know Me. When they call to Me, I will answer them; when they are in trouble, I will be with them. I will rescue them and honour them. I will reward them with long life, and will surely save them. “ Ps. 91.

This is the Lord available to all. He did not come to protect himself, but to protect us. To give us freedom and safety no one else could. To protect us from darkness! To keep us from the hidden dangers we yet cannot see.

“For we do not fight **against flesh** and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Eph. 6:12

*DECEMBER 14, 2025*

**A Special Joy**

There is a special joy,  
that rises up in me  
something so wonderful  
I wish my eyes it could see.

It flows throughout my heart,  
it gushes through my veins  
I know that it comes from  
where the Holy Spirit reigns.

There is a special joy,  
that courses through my soul  
it comes from knowing  
the Holy Spirit is in control.

It relaxes me with thoughts  
of life everlasting  
for unto Jesus all my cares  
every day I am casting.

There is a special joy,  
that in my mind swells  
it comes in ebbs and waves  
where the Holy Spirit dwells!

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DECEMBER 15, 2025

## THE SEASONS

Have you ever seen the Lord in our seasons? Have you seen how they resemble our life spans and qualities. *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."* Gen. 8:22.

As we look at Jesus through different avenues let us look at him in the seasons he has made.

**Spring!** *"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."* Luke 2:7. Jesus! The first new fruit, bringing the new covenant, a new beginning. Signs of new hope, new growth, a new future.

**Summer!** *"Now so it was that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions."* Luke 2: 46. His time of growth, learning, the starting of adulthood, taking responsibility, learning to stand on his own two feet. Jesus said *"I must be about my father's business"* (v49). It was time for the little sprout to fill out.

Fall! *"Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph,"* Luke 3:23. Time to start the Good News in a big way. It was time to start thinking of the harvest, making plans, getting the help he would need. The busiest time of life.

Winter! *"It is finished"* John 19:30 *"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."* Matt. 25:23. He had completed his purpose. He had done all he could do. It was time to go home. A time to await another new spring!

*"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:"* Ecc. 3:1

*DECEMBER 16, 2025*

## **NATURE**

As you look around and see the wonders of Christmas, can you see his workmanship, can you see his artistry? *"The heavens declare the glory of the Lord, and the sky above declares his handiwork."* Ps. 19:1. He knows each star by name, how many there are, and where he placed them. He forms each snowflake, dusts each tree with soft splendor. He blankets the fields and hills with their winter warmth.

In spring and summer, he adorns the hills with color, heather, violets, dandelions, and *"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."* Matt. 6: 28-29. From the simplest to the most complex, he has made and cares for them all.

*"Who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains."* Ps. 147:8. This is his way of taking care of us, providing for us. From visual to practical, the Lord is there. *"Where does my help come from, my help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth."* Ps. 121.

Nature! The smell of a soft spring rain, the taste of fresh strawberries, the shade of a maple tree, or a swim in a sapphire blue lake. He has made them all. Putting his personal touch on each one and provided all our needs. You can hear him whisper in the breeze, feel his power in a thunderstorm. You can see his tenderness in a butterfly, and his anger in a tornado. Living things to show us a living Lord. He is the rock on which we stand, the meadow of our peace, a cleft of shelter, and our bright and morning star. (Rev. 22:16)

*"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside the still waters, he restoreth my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."* Ps. 23

*DECEMBER 17, 2025*

**HIMSELF**

He came as a baby and lived his life among us. He taught in the temples and gatherings, in the streets and on the hillsides. He made the blind see and the lame walk. He fed the thousands and changed water into wine. He healed the lepers and he raised the dead. He did not have to, but out of love for the Father and us, he endured to the end.

He prayed/prays for us, forgave/forgives us, *“Father forgive them, for they know not what they do”* Luke 23:34. He stands in the gap for us, and intercedes. Oh! How he loves you and me.

He took the load of sin that should be ours and put it on the cross, on himself. He paid the cost so we would not have to. Even at that, he left his Spirit, a gift within us, to encourage and defeat the enemy, to go forward in His name. To help, not hinder, to prosper, not destroy, to give hope and a future. *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you.”* John 14:26.

He has gone away to prepare a home for us. A place of safety, love, contentment, and joy. *“I am going there to prepare a place for you.”* John 14:2. And he has promised to return to gather us to where he is. *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”* John 14:3.

This is the Lord our God! Jesus himself, one who will never lie, always be there, and always do what is best for us. He is the one who loves unconditionally, and forgives over and over again. He is the one who can sooth our soul and lift us up. He is our redeemer!

*And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* Matt. 28:20

*DECEMBER 18, 2025*

## GENTLENESS

Do we see Jesus as a loving gentle spirit or the judge waiting to strike at every little wrong?

Some see Jesus as fire and brimstone! Waiting for the chance of a slip-up to enforce punishment. **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."** Prov. 1:7. Fear is the anticipation of punishment, not of a loving Jesus. He punishes as a last resort.

Some see Jesus as loving and gentle, one who knows what is best for us and applies it. He always answers our cry with gentleness. **"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."** Prov. 15:1. He knows our pain and disappointment, he understands better than we think. **"Gentleness is the fruit of the Spirit that comes from being Loved by gentle Jesus"**. It's a legacy of doing the Father's will, and following his leading. **"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."** John 14:9.

He first shows us forgiveness! Then he shows us how to forgive. How many times should we forgive? **"Jesus answered, I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."** Matt. 18:22. This is a gentle Lord, softening our hearts to those around us. Letting us see how much he forgives us, as well as others.

He leads like a shepherd! Knowing us better than we know ourselves. **"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."** John 10:14. We know his voice, his gentle correction, his confirmation. **"He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul."** Ps 23.

His gentleness gives us a sense of acceptance, a reassurance that everything will be ok. **"For I will never leave you or forsake you"**. Heb. 13:5. He gives us his peace, his time, his patience. He will wait till you are ready. His gentle prodding will bring out your love for Him in time.

**"He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake"** Ps. 23

*DECEMBER 19, 2025*

## **ENCOURAGEMENT**

We look at stories of Jesus' life and see encouragement. No matter how old or how young, how big or how small. Jesus encourages. **"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."** Act. 2:17. This covers almost everyone. Even the children have Jesus' attention and when it comes to encouragement. He said, **"let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."** Matt. 19:14.

How often we go without, how often we suffer when encouragement is but a prayer away; He says, **"come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest"** Matt. 11: 28 All we have to do is pray. The line of communication is always open, there are no fees, no waiting. He is always there. **"Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."** Ps. 50:15. His encouragement, that whatever happens, He is with us.

We come into this world a blessing of God's, and we go out of this world encouraged to be God's children. He has placed within us everything we need. **"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."** Jer. 31:33. It is there to release, think on these things, taste and see, that what the Lord God has for us is better than the world. This is his encouragement! We are to impress it on our children, talk about it always, write it on the doorposts and gateways, wear it on our person. Not to condemn, but to encourage those around us of His love.

**"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."** John 15:5

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## **UNDERSTANDING**

Do we truly believe that Jesus understands what we go through? He has the advantage of being Part man, Part God. Not even Satan can touch him. So, does he really understand?

Jesus came to earth through Mary. He grew up as a brother with siblings just like you and me. His human (man) side had all the same trials and temptations we have. He grew up learning a trade, like everyone else. *"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?"* Matt. 13:55. The community knew Jesus, and he knew them.

He knew people rejected him, insulted him and abused him. He knew they wanted to kill him. He was betrayed by friends, brutalized by others, the justice system was corrupt, and he had the trials of evil. *"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem."* Is. 53:3. He knew the feeling of being alone when even his heavenly Father turned his face away. *"My God, my God. Why have you forsaken me?"* Matt. 27:46. He knew all of this had to happen, but it didn't make it any easier.

Though we may never know all the trials and horrid things man put Jesus through, we do know he went through it for us. We know and understood the shame and disgrace, hated and unforgiveness.

*I have loved you with an everlasting love* Jer. 31:3

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*God Is Love*

*I cannot always trace the way  
Where Thou, Almighty One, dost move,  
But I can always, always say,  
That God is love.*

*When fear her chilling mantle throws  
O'er earth, my soul to heaven above,  
As to her native home, upsprings,  
For God is love.*

*When mystery clouds my darkened path,  
I'll check my dread, my doubts reprove;  
In this my soul sweet comfort hath,  
That God is love.*

*Yes, God is love; a thought like this  
Can every gloomy thought remove,  
And turn all tears, all woes, to bliss,  
For God is love.*

*Poet: John Bowring*

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## **CONTENTMENT**

Do you see your contentment in Jesus Christ? He is the way we get contentment. He is the one who provides everything we need for a contented life. **"Come to me all you who are weary and laden with burdens and I will give you rest"**. Matt. 11:28

He promises love, compassion, discipline, truth, and justice. Given to everyone, and changeable by no one. **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."** Heb. 13:8. What he does for one, he will do for all. There is nothing we can do to surprise him, he has seen it all, and knows us better than we know ourselves. His life is based on truth, love, and justice. Whatever he does comes from love. When he disciplines, it is correction not punishment. When he speaks, it is the truth. **"And the truth will set you free"**. John 8:32. Free from the lies that keep us down.

He rejoices over our triumphs, and he sorrows over our pain. There is none like him. He gives us strength to carry on when the road is rough. He gives the shelter of his wings when the storm is too much. He will search for us when we wander, carry us through life when we cannot stand. **"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."** James 4:8. His arms are always open, his heart always forgiving. He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

He gives his all, so we can have the best. Offering wisdom and discernment, knowledge and understanding, love and compassion. He is our God and we are his people. He is our Shepherd and we are his flock. He is our rock when the winds blow and the seas roar. This is comforting and contentment. Content in the promises and truth he provides.

**"If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment"** Job 36:11



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## **ALPHA AND OMEGA**

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."** Rev. 22:13.

**I AM!** Jesus proclaims ownership to each of these statements. He is the Great I AM, everything, everywhere, and everlasting. **"I am who I am"** Ex. 3:14. What you see is what you get. HE IS!

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega! You notice he didn't say just Alpha. He is both male and female, for in heaven there is no gender. How could he make both if he wasn't both? **"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."** Gal. 3:28. There is not another person like you on earth, not even identical twins are the same. **"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;"** Ps. 139:14.

Jesus is the First and the Last! He is the first and only born of God, **"He gave his only begotten son"** John 3:16. First born of God and man, **"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."** Luke 2:11. First man to not sin, and Pilate said; **"Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."** John 19:4. First to die for us in purity, the first and only one to pay the cost of our sins. And the crowd shouted, **"Crucify him"** Matt. 27:22. He is our First, Last, and only Savior. He is our Last judge and jury.

**He is the Beginning and the End!** **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** John 1:1. He was here before the beginning of the earth. He spoke the world into being. He will be here till the end of time **"And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."** Is. 9:6.

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## **NEW LIFE**

**For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. Rom. 6:14**

Jesus is our New Life! No more will we be chained to the control of darkness. We now have a choice and a purpose. We now know we are cared for and our needs are taken care of. No Longer are we slaves to sin, but Free in and through Christ Jesus. The gift of Freedom is a mighty gift indeed.

As we look at Christmas, do we really see the mighty and costly gifts that Jesus brought? The tools to resist the sins of our lives, the elements of joy, hope, peace, and love. These are the practical things that help us through. Do we see Jesus as our new life. **"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."** Phil. 4:13.

We now have a new covenant, new lessons, and a new word to follow. A spotless legacy to show us our way, with the Trinity to help. We now have prayer and a new purpose, worth, and position with Christ. We have a heritage as children of God. **"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."** 1 John 3:1.

We are no longer of this world. Our New Life is with Jesus, for him and through him. He is the only way! He is pure truth! He is our life!

**"I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. NO ONE comes to the Father accept through me".** John 14:6

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Unknown to man the importance of his coming. The Son of man saved the world from death and destruction. One who did everything out of love and purity. One who sacrificed everything for his sake and ours.

Behold the man upon the cross! No longer a babe but King of Kings and Lord of Lords. It all started in a manger, and it will all end in eternity! Great is HIS faithfulness.

**Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.** Luke 2:11

He endured what no man should ever endure. He lived the spotless life no man could live. He died a death; no man should die.

THANK YOU FOR LOVING US!!!

We celebrate! For God all Mighty raised him from the grave, **"He was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God."** Mark 16:19. He is our mercy and grace for today and our hope for tomorrow. Words cannot express how awesome he is.

AND HE IS COMING SOON!!!

**"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."** Rev. 11:15

Rejoice and be glad!



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