

## **THE WORD IN THE FLESH**

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

*John 1:14*

### **REFLECTION**

*Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
star and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
but wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token;  
love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and others,  
love for plea and gift and sign.*

"Love came down at Christmas" was composed by poet Christina Georgina Rossetti in 1885. It was set to music and has become a well-known Christmas carol. The carol depicts the story of God coming to be like us and to live among us to show us how to live a life of love. God came one Christmas revealing His glory in the Person of His Son.

Indeed, Jesus is Love Incarnate and Love Divine. This is Jesus whom we worship in spirit and in truth. There is no other god worthy of our worship. God is the fullness of truth and has given us His Living Word which is all truth - truth that will set us free from sin and death. It is in reading and meditating on God's truth daily that we may know Jesus and be changed from within by His Spirit to be able to break free from our inclination to sin.

Jesus is Grace personified. He came to make it possible for us to be born of God, as long as we believe in Him. He is the sacred gift of God's saving grace to us. This grace enables us to grow daily. The all sufficiency of God's grace carries us through the challenges of life.

Because we have received grace upon grace, we are also to be gracious to others. Love for others is a sign of a child of God whose heart is bursting with the grace and glory of God. If God so loved us, we ought to love one another as to know God is to love God and others. Both God's truth and grace are His free gifts to us which we do not deserve and cannot earn by our own striving. It is God's desire that His glorious truth and grace be seen in and through us. What will you do

to respond to God's gift of Jesus this Christmas? How will you allow God's glory to be seen in and through you during this season of giving?

### **PRAYER**

*Loving God, thank You for the gift of Jesus at Christmas. Thank You that You have made available to us the full measure of Your grace and truth through Your Son. Help us, Your children, to grow in the greater awareness and assurance of Your love for us and be givers of love and grace to others that You may be seen in us. Amen.*

### **SUPPLICATION**

- Give thanks for the Christmas message of gift giving which symbolizes love. Pray for love to reign in all households, marriages, relationships. Pray for more love in estranged marriages, dysfunctional families, broken relationships. Pray for love and forgiveness to abound during this holiday season and continue to manifest into the New Year 2022.
- Pray that the gift of Christ will find a place in all pre-believing households. Pray for open hearts and hands to receive this precious gift of salvation in Christ. May more people come to know and believe in Jesus Christ and receive Him as their Lord and Saviour.
- Give thanks for all Christmas outreach events this Christmas. Pray for the events that are held in the community. Pray that the Christmas caroling will touch hearts as people listen to the words being sung. Pray that the Gospel message be seen and heard through drama, dance and carol singing. Pray for many who are lost and seeking to return to the Father as the Holy Spirit moves among the people at these outreach events.
- Pray for the lonely and hurting this Christmas season. Pray for the single parent, the single young adult, the youth alone at home, the latchkey child, the orphans and widows, the homebound, the elderly and those without families this Christmas. Pray for the grace of God to be upon all who are without food, a roof over their heads, a friend to tell their deepest concerns to. Pray for Jesus to be with them and to supply all their needs.

*"...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."  
John 1:17*

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