

**December 24, 2022**

The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

***John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (NIV)***

There is no greater verse in all of scripture that shares with us the love of God. The phrase *so loved* carries with it, not only the love of God for His creations, but does so with the emphasis on the kind of love that God has for us. His love is agape love, which means I love you no matter what. It is totally unconditional. And because of this, He came to earth in the form of a man named Jesus. He came as the Messiah to the world. He took on flesh and dwelt among us and our eyes beheld the only begotten of God. Many people have a problem understanding how God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit can be three and also one. Well, we were made in their image and because of that, we are three-fold as well. I am one person, but I have three basic identities. I am a child of my parents. I am the husband of my wife. I am the father of my children. Each of these see me from a different perspective, yet I am still just one person. God Himself came in the form of a man and had fellowship with people. That's how He started everything as well. He walked in the garden with Adam and Eve before they chose sin over Him. But here is the intriguing thing. The next verse reminds us of this great love because the LORD does not desire to condemn but instead to save. ***2 Pt. 3:9 The LORD is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (NIV)***

Listen folks to this. Black lives matter. White lives matter. Unborn lives matter. Every single person in this world is a creation of the Creator. And because God loves them all, so should we. I praise God that many years ago, He reached down by His Holy Spirit and tugged on my heart. I knew I must repent of my sin and come to Him for salvation, and I'm so glad I did. This Christmas let's truly remember the reason for the season! He came to save the world!

**Dear LORD, Hallelujah to the name above all names, Jesus! Immanuel, God with us. You came because of Your great love. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen**