

“I have spoken these things to you so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.”

John 15: 11 HCSB

GOD THE FATHER IS FULL OF JOY, AND CHRIST CAME TO EARTH THAT WE MIGHT SHARE IN IT. GOD IS HAPPY AND REJOICES OVER US ACCORDING TO ZEPH 3:17. WHILE MANY VIEW HIM DISTANT AND ANGRY, CHRISTMAS IS A REMINDER THAT CHRIST STEPPED OUT OF HEAVEN AND WAS BORN ON EARTH, SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE JOY, AND COME TO KNOW THE JOY, NOT ANGER, THAT GOD THE FATHER HAS TOWARD US ALL.



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HAPPINESS & JOY

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The Road to Christmas

**I am the good
shepherd. The good
shepherd lays down
his life for the
sheep.**

John 10:11 ESV

A **SHEPHERD** IS IN CHARGE OF TAKING CARE OF HIS SHEEP. HE GIVES THEM FOOD, WATER, AND SHELTER. HE ALSO PROTECTS THEM. JESUS IS THE **GOOD SHEPHERD**. BECAUSE HE WENT BEYOND OUR PHYSICAL NEEDS (FOOD, WATER, A HOME), TO GIVE US ETERNAL PROTECTION WITH HIS LIFE. JESUS DIED THAT WE MIGHT BE CONNECTED TO GOD NOW, AND LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER. WHAT AN AWESOME GIFT!

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OUR SHEPHERD

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father who is full of mercy. And he is **the God of all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so that **we can comfort others** when they have trouble. We can **comfort** them with the same **comfort** that God gives us.**

1 Corinthians 1:3-4 ICB

GOD IS A GOOD FATHER. THROUGH HIS SON JESUS, WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CONNECTION GIVES US IS **HIS COMFORT**. HE CARES ABOUT US, AND IS CLOSE TO US WHEN WE ARE HURTING. AS A RESULT, **WE CAN SHARE GOD'S COMFORT** WITH OTHERS. **AS HE COMFORTS US**, WE CAN SPREAD THAT LOVE TO OTHERS.



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OUR COMFORT

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The Road to Christmas

"...God our
Savior revealed
his kindness
and love..."

Titus 3:4 NLT

GOD THE FATHER IS KIND. HE GENEROUSLY GIVES US GOOD GIFTS JUST BECAUSE HE LOVES US. HIS GREATEST GIFT AND THE TRUEST SIGN OF HIS KIND HEART CAN BE SEEN IN JESUS. GOD, BECAUSE HE LOVES US, WAS KIND TO US AND SENT HIS SON, JESUS, SO THAT HE MIGHT ALWAYS BE WITH US. WE CELEBRATE THIS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.



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KINDNESS

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**... No, he [The Lord] is being
patient for [our] sake. He does
not want anyone to be
destroyed, but wants [to give]
everyone [time] to change
their mind.**

2 Peter 2:9 NLT**

ABBA LOVES US AND IS VERY PATIENT WITH US. HE IS NOT ANGRY WITH US. JESUS TOOK ALL HIS ANGER IN OUR PLACE AT THE CROSS. INSTEAD, HE PATIENTLY WAITS FOR US TO CHANGE OUR MIND. THIS IS CALLED REPENTANCE. REPENTING IS MORE THAN JUST SAYING SORRY. IT IS HIS DESIRE FOR US IS THAT WE WOULD MAKE BETTER CHOICES THROUGH OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. JESUS REMINDS US THAT GOD IS PATIENT- IT IS BECAUSE OF HIM THAT GOD CAN WAIT FOREVER FOR US WITH A GLAD HEART.



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PATIENCE

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**"...Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name
Immanuel." (Which
means God with us)**

Isaiah 7:14 ESV**

ABBA LOVES US AND WANTS US TO
EXPERIENCE THE GOOD LIFE HE HAS SET
ASIDE FOR US. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT ALWAYS
EASY TO MAKE THE BEST CHOICES AND WISE
DECISIONS. **WE NEED HELP!** GOD SENT JESUS
SO THAT HE WOULD ALWAYS BE WITH US.
ON CHRISTMAS, WE CELEBRATE JESUS CHRIST
COMING TO EARTH SO THAT WE ARE NEVER
ALONE. WHEN HE WENT BACK TO HEAVEN,
**HE LEFT US ANOTHER HELPER, THE HOLY
SPIRIT.** IT IS ONLY BECAUSE OF ABBA'S LOVE
**WE HAVE HELP WHENEVER WE NEED IT, AND
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS ASK.**



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OUR HELPER

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**She [Mary] will give
birth to a son, and you
are to name Him Jesus,
because He will **save** His
people from their sins.**

Matt 1:21 HCSB**

ABBA GAVE US JESUS TO **SAVE US**
FROM OUR SINS, AND TO **RESCUE US**
FROM DANGER- INCLUDING BAD PEOPLE
AND OUR OWN BAD CHOICES. **JESUS IS**
THE ULTIMATE HERO! HE CAME FROM
HEAVEN TO EARTH THAT WE MIGHT BE
FREE FOREVER! ON CHRISTMAS DAY, WE
CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY, AND THAT HE
ALONE "**MAKES US DWELL IN SAFETY.**"

(PS 4:8)



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OUR HERO

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The Road to Christmas

**Love consists in this: not
that we loved God, but
that He loved us and sent
His Son to be the[a]
propitiation for our sins.**

1 John 4:10 HCSB

TODAY IS CHRISTMAS!! TODAY WE
CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, OUR
GREATEST GIFT AND ABBA'S SIGN OF
LOVE TO US ALL. WE GIVE BECAUSE HE
GAVE. WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST
LOVED US. ALL WE HAVE ONLY EXISTS
BECAUSE GOD LOVED US ENOUGH TO
SEND HIS SON.

THANK YOU ABBA FOR THIS INCREDIBLE
GIFT!

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LOVE



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