



❖ MESSAGE NOTES ~ December 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION **The ONE Who Never Leaves The One Behind**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was without shape and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the watery deep, but the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water. God said, "Let there be light." And there was light! God saw that the light was good, so God separated the light from the darkness. ~ Genesis 1:1-4

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the sky displays His handiwork.
~ Psalm 19:1*

~ C.S. LEWIS ~ The central miracle asserted by Christians is the incarnation. They say that God became man. Every other miracle prepares for this, or exhibits this, or results from this... The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God. The Word was with God in the beginning. All things were created by Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. In Him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. And the light shines on in the darkness, but the darkness has not mastered it.
~ John 1:1-5*

*Now the Word became flesh and took up residence among us.
We saw His glory—the glory of the One and Only,
full of grace and truth, who came from the Father
...The only One, Himself God, who is in closest fellowship with the Father,
has made God known. ~ John 1:14, 18*

See what sort of love the Father has given to us: that we should be called God's children—and indeed we are! For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know Him. Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that whenever it is revealed we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ~ 1 John 3:1-2

But while he was still a long way from home his father saw him, and his heart went out to him; he ran and hugged his son and kissed him.

~ Luke 15:20b

... this son of mine was dead, and is alive again—he was lost and is found!

~ Luke 15:24b

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. ~ Romans 6:23

God made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God. ~ 2 Corinthians 5:21

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ~ Isaiah 9:6



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