

A Christmas Kind of Love
Sunday, December 4, 2024

Behold I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people, for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior who is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:10

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.
John 3:16

*"Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 'The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it is coming from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.'" Nicodemus responded and said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered and said to him, "You are the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you people do not accept our testimony. "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? "No one has ascended into heaven, except He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. "And **just as** Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **so must** the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes will have eternal life in Him.*
John 3:7-15

*Then the people of Israel set out from Mount Hor, taking the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom. But the people **grew impatient with the long journey,** and they began to **speak against** God and Moses. "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?" they **complained.** "There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we **hate this horrible manna!**" So the LORD sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died. Then the people came to Moses and cried out, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take away the snakes." So Moses prayed for the people. Then the LORD told him, "Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. **All** who are bitten **will live** if they **simply look at it!**" So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to a pole. Then anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze snake and be healed!*
Numbers 21:4-9 NLT

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*For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life **because you trusted** the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. **Then God** made you alive with Christ, **for he forgave all our sins. He** canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away **by nailing it to the cross.***
Colossians 2:12-14

He made Him ***who knew no sin to be sin*** in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. ***By his wounds you are healed.***

1 Peter 2:24 NLT

...Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. ***And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.*** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. ***And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.*** So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when ***we plead, "Come back to God!"*** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand...we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:1-2a, 5