

## God Is For Us

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### Verse 1

We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley  
with You by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge  
only You can save

### Chorus

Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong  
and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us  
if our God is for us

### Verse 2

Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back  
still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward  
with never ending grace

### Bridge

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love

## Ancient of Days

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### Verse 1

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

### Chorus

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain  
and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

### Verse 2

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure and He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

### Verse 3

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete standing  
face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

## Living Hope

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### Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### Verse 3

Then came the morning that  
sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)

## In Christ Alone

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### Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm  
What heights of love  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
when strivings cease  
My comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### Chorus

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

In Christ Alone (cont.)

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

## THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS IS GIVING, THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS IS FORGIVING.

I JOHN 3:11-24      January 3, 2021

INTRODUCTION: Over the past five weeks we have looked at the Reminders of Who and What Christmas is all about. The Prophet's Candle to remind us that Jesus came to bring \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of God through His Grace. The Bethlehem Candle to remind us that Jesus was from the family line of \_\_\_\_\_ to become the King of Israel and of the World who is the King of eternity. The Shepherd's Candle to remind us that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ who came to seek those who were lost and Reconcile them to God. The Angels' Candle to remind us that Jesus came to be \_\_\_\_\_ who delivers from bondage to Sin. And Memorial Sunday, to remind us that Jesus came to bring \_\_\_\_\_, the life God promised before the world began.

All this stems from God's enormous love for the people of this world that He GAVE his one and only son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life... THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT God loves people but hates and judges their sin. We have seen that the message of Christmas is GIVING God GAVE His Son... JESUS GAVE His life. that's why we GIVE gifts at Christmas, to remember that genuine LOVE is all about GIVING, FORGIVING, SERVING, AND SHARING.

The Extended Meaning of Christmas is \_\_\_\_\_ because of love.

Love covers a multitude of sins and reconciles us to God. Because we have been FORGIVEN by God, He wants us to EXPLAIN that forgiveness to those who are not yet reconciled to God. He wants us in our interpersonal relationships to EXTEND that forgiveness to those who "trespass against us."

I JOHN 3:11-15 WE \_\_\_\_\_ LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

I JOHN 3:16a JESUS'S EXAMPLE OF WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ IS.

"He laid down His life for us." Philipp. 2:5- 11 Luke 9:23-24. I

I JOHN 3:16b-17 HOW WE FOLLOW JESUS' \_\_\_\_\_.

I JOHN 3:18-24 GODLIKE LOVE IS NOT MERE WORDS BUT IS DEMONSTRATED IN \_\_\_\_\_.

CONCLUSION: We are to LOVE as God loved; Walk in HUMILITY as Jesus did. FORGIVE as God FORGAVE us, RECONCILE with others as God Reconciled us to Himself, RESTORE as God restored. BLESS as God Blessed.

**I John 3:11-24** 11For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13Do not be surprised, brothers, c that the world hates you. 14We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, d and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**James 3:13-18** 13Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**Romans 13:8-10** 8Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**II Corinthians 3:17-18** 17Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, e are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. f For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

**Hebrews 10:24-25** 24And let us fully consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

**John 13:35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."