





PRAYER

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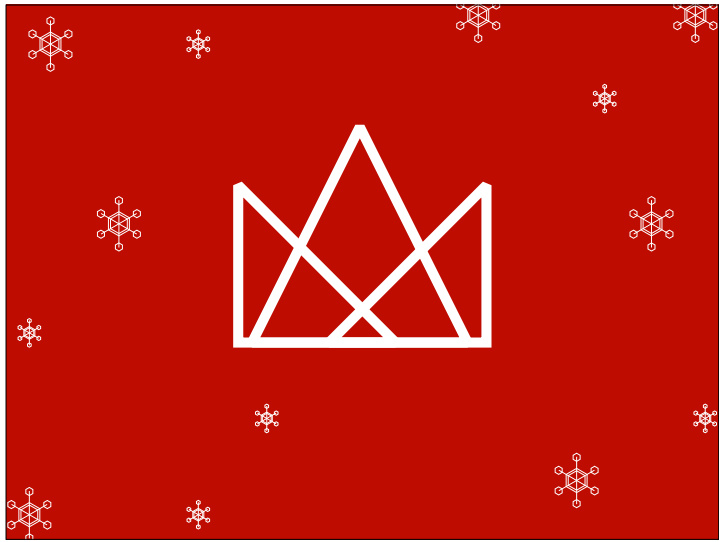
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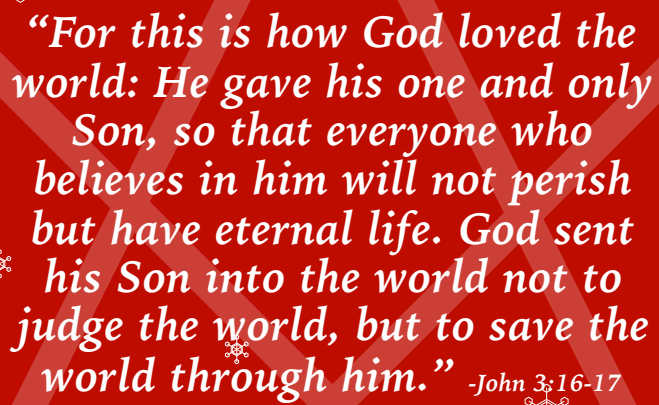


*God's Love
Is Greater
Than Ours*





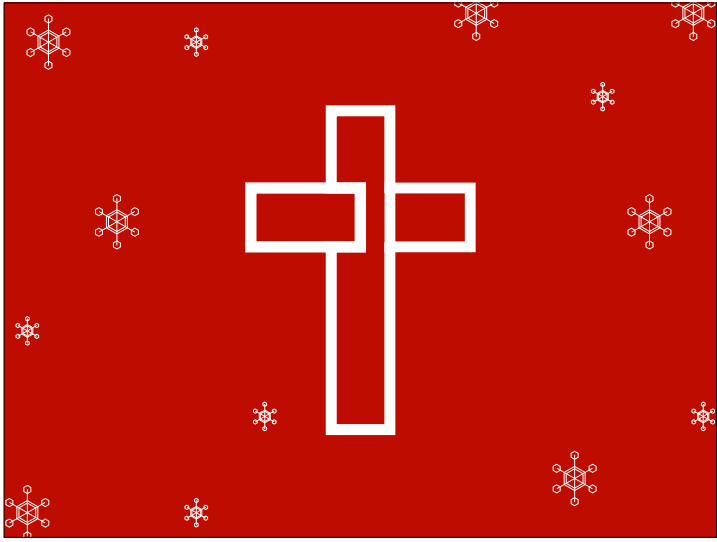
*God's Kingdom
Is Established
By His Love*



“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” -John 3:16-17

1. His love for His creation, us, means that he sends his one and only Son to be the way to eternal life
2. His love means he desires for us to not be under punishment, but instead under mercy
3. His Kingdom is established by His action, His love, His sacrifice, His Power.

By choosing to save the world, God establishes His Kingdom. And it is His great amazing Love that brings us into His Kingdom.



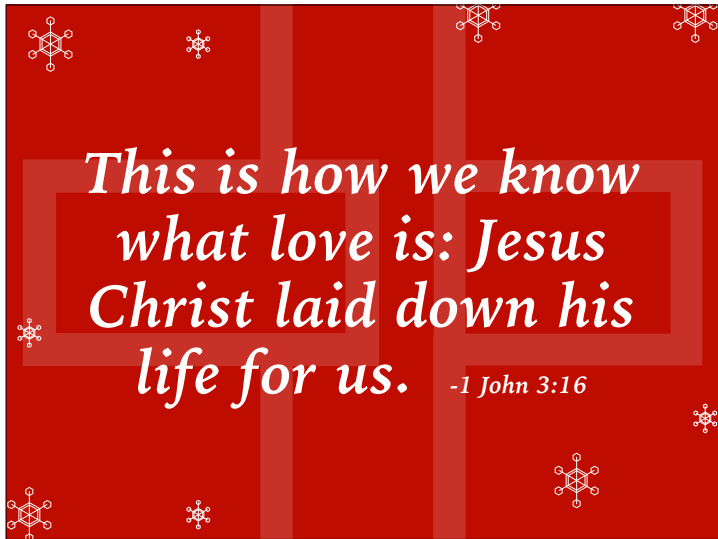


God's Love

Is Known By

The Actions of

Christ

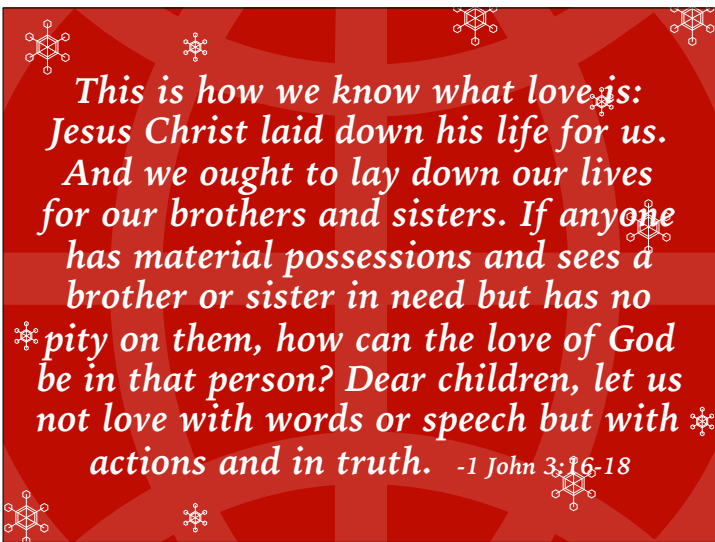


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Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
-1 John 3:16





*This World
Needs Love*



This is how we know what love is:
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And we ought to lay down our lives for
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A love that leads into action and truth, not just with words or speech.



*But here's the
problem...*



We love with our own love.
We strive with our own power.
We read this and think we need LOVE
by our own

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*But we STRIVE
to love with our
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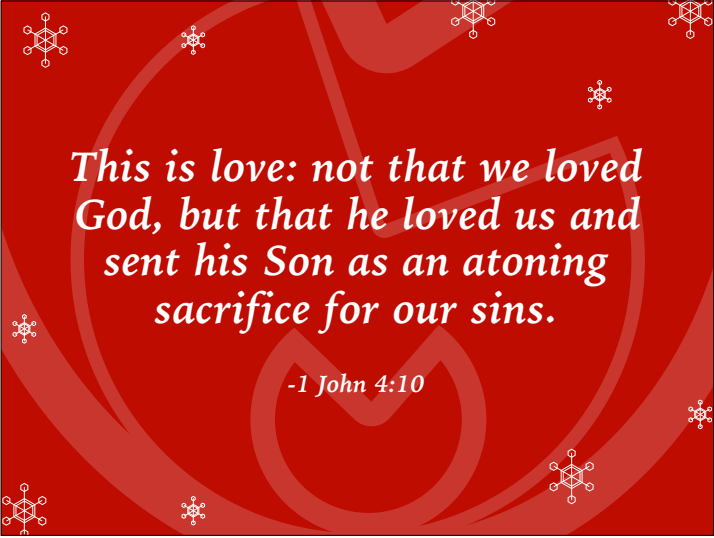


*We Need
Divine Love*





*God gives us
the Divine,
Supernatural
Love of God*



*This is love: not that we loved
God, but that he loved us and
sent his Son as an atoning
sacrifice for our sins.*

-1 John 4:10

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but that he loved us and sent his Son
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.-1
John 4:10-13

That is Love.

You understand, if that is love and the
definition of love the experience the
example of love, then, us being

God's love is made complete in us.
As in God's lives in us.

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Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit.

-1 John 4:11-13



*As we love,
God gives and
teaches us His
Love*

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*Let God
Transform
Your Love*



The love of the King
Seen in the Love of the cross
Given to Us by the Life of the Spirit
So we can Love the World, and let the
world know the Love of God



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So what does that mean? Think of the people right now that annoy you. The people who are against you. The governments or institutions. Or even the people here in this church, in this room, that frustrate you or you feel anger or bitterness too. Now by our own power, we might say, yes, I will love them. yes I will forgive them. But instead I want you to turn to Jesus, and look to Him and ask Him, to fill you with His Spirit of love, so that it is not by your power that you love, but it is by the overwhelming reality of God's love that overflows His love to them. We love, because He first loved us.



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