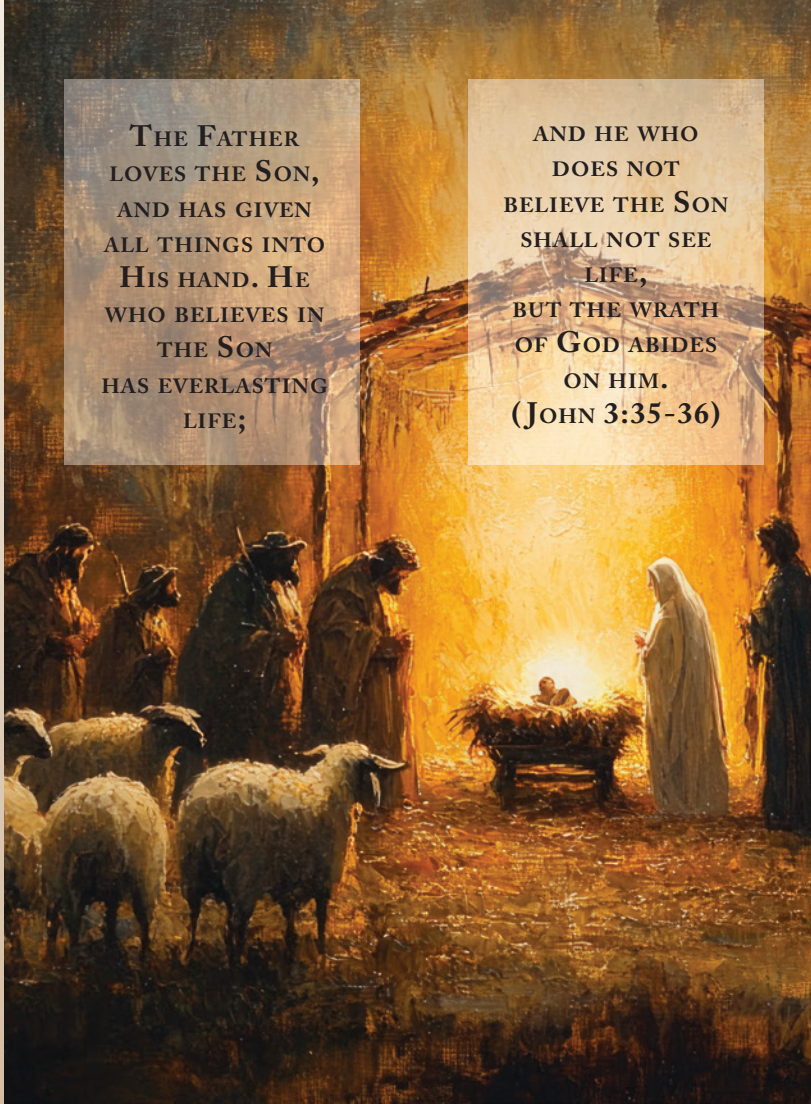


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THE FATHER  
LOVES THE SON,  
AND HAS GIVEN  
ALL THINGS INTO  
HIS HAND. HE  
WHO BELIEVES IN  
THE SON  
HAS EVERLASTING  
LIFE;

AND HE WHO  
DOES NOT  
BELIEVE THE SON  
SHALL NOT SEE  
LIFE,  
BUT THE WRATH  
OF GOD ABIDES  
ON HIM.  
(JOHN 3:35-36)

## THE SHEPHERD WHO BECAME A LAMB



*A Christmas  
Message  
for You*

## JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

In the beginning, before the creation of the world, Jesus Christ, uncreated, eternal, true light of true light, very God of very God, was with the Father in Heaven. He had divine glory with the Father before the foundation of the world. Yet when the fullness of time had come, He took on a human nature, and was born of the virgin Mary.

**But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4–5)**

## THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB

And why did He take on flesh and dwell among us? We all, like sheep, have gone astray from God, our Shepherd. We have sinned against Him, and deserve to die, since the wages of sin is death. Yet Christ, the Shepherd, became the sacrificial Lamb for us on the cross. For, only a Lamb can die in the place of other lambs, and only a truly sinless Human can die in the stead of guilty, sinful man. He gave His blood for sinners on the cross.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

## THE WRATH OF THE LAMB

Yet this Lamb is also the divine Lion who roars from Heaven. If you will only turn from your idols and sins to serve the Lord Jesus as the true and living God, you can be saved, by faith in Him, from the wrath to come. Yet for those who refuse to repent of their idols, sorceries, murders, sexual sins, lying lips, and unbelief, His coming wrath shall cause them to say to the mountains and rocks of the earth:

**“Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!”  
(Revelation 6:15–16)**

## THE LAMB'S WEDDING FEAST

However, for those who believe in Him as the true Son of God, walking in His Spirit in the obedience of faith, there is a coming, everlasting wedding feast for all of His saints in the Kingdom of God. He is risen from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and soon to return to judge the earth. He is their God, and those who fear Him are His joyful people!

**Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”  
(Revelation 19:9)**