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All glory to the Son who comes to set us <u>free</u>, with Father, Spirit, <u>ever One</u> through all eternity.

free = rescued from sin and shame ever = forever One = One God in 3 persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Trinity) Words by Charles Coffin, 1736 Music by Aaron Williams, 1770 Public Domain, #5395114 Crossway Multinational Church, CCLI #11163377 Angels, from the <u>realms of glory</u>, <u>wing your flight o'er</u> all the earth; <u>ye</u> who sang <u>creation's story</u>, now proclaim the Messiah's birth:

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

> realms of glory = heaven wing your flight = fly o'er = over ye = you creation's story = the origin of the universe

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<u>Shepherds</u>, in the fields <u>abiding</u>, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now <u>residing</u>, <u>yonder</u> shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

> Shepherds = first people to hear of Jesus' birth abiding = watching sheep residing = having a permanent home yonder = over there in Bethlehem

Wise men, leave your <u>contemplation</u>, <u>brighter visions beam</u> afar;
seek the great <u>Desire of nations</u>, ye have seen His <u>natal star</u>:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

> contemplation = study brighter visions beam = glory of God shines Desire of nations = Jesus Christ natal star = star announcing Jesus' birth

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LOVE

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This is the <u>verdict</u>: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their <u>deeds</u> were evil.

光来到世上,世人因自己的行为是恶的,不爱光, 倒爱黑暗,这就定了他们的罪。

> verdict = true understanding deeds = actions



Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love; too <u>vast</u> and astounding to tell. Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all. Oh <u>fountain</u> of beauty eternal; the Father, the Spirit, the Son. Sufficient and endlessly generous; magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

vast = extremely large fountain = abundant source Creation is <u>brimming</u> with thankfulness, the mountains, <u>exultant</u> they stand;
the seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand.
You <u>crown</u> every meadow with color; You paint every shade in the sky.
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent marvelous matchless love.

> brimming = overflowing exultant = triumphantly happy crown = give great beauty

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What grace, that You entered our brokenness; You came in the <u>fullness of time</u>. How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ. Your cross is our door to <u>redemption</u>; Your death is our fullness of life. That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. grace = generous forgiveness and restoration fullness of time = at just the right time

redemption = rescue









































Prayer of Confession

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your <u>iniquities</u> have separated you from your God; your <u>sins</u> have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

ISAIAH 59:1-2

iniquities, sins = actions, words, and attitudes that are immoral and disloyal to God

Words of Assurance Surely he took up our pain and <u>bore</u> our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, <u>stricken</u> by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our t<u>ransgressions</u>, he was crushed for our i<u>niquities</u>; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <u>bore = carried as His own</u> <u>stricken = struck or attacked</u>

transgressions, iniquities = immorality or disloyalty to God

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I bring an offering of worship to my King; No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing; Jesus, may You receive the honor that <u>You're due;</u> Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You.

You're due = You deserve

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love; There is no shadow in Your presence; No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the Holy One of Heaven; It's only by Your <u>blood</u>, it's only through Your mercy, Lord I come.

blood = Jesus' death for us

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Welcoming New Members of Crossway

All who have saving faith in Christ are **members of the** global body of Christ

Members of the global body of Christ are also invited to become **members of Crossway Multinational Church**

- Commitment (in humility and faith) to be an active and contributing part of this congregation, pursuing our vision together
- Complete the **Membership Pathway**: understand and grow in our shared understanding of the truth of the Gospel, the vision God has given us, and the journey of discipleship

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The call to faithful participation in a local church

"Let us **hold unswervingly to the hope** we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us **consider how we may spur one another on** toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another** —and all the more as you see the Day approaching." *Hebrews 10:23-25*

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Qualifications for membership:

- Profess faith in Jesus Christ
- Manifest a lifestyle that demonstrates the Lordship of Christ (especially ongoing confession and repentance)
- Agree with the doctrinal statement
- Will work in harmony with Constitution, By-Laws, and Core Values
- Will support the church in attendance, prayers, service, and gifts

Affirmations:

- Do you profess faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?
- Do you declare your agreement with, and your intention to live in harmony with, the doctrinal statement of Crossway?
- Will you work in harmony with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Core Values of Crossway?
- Will you support the church in attendance, prayers, service, and gifts?

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"Poetic Justice"

When we get to see people experience bad ("just") consequences for their risky or bad behavior

• Especially when the punishment "fits" the crime

When are we upset that poetic justice doesn't happen?

• When people get away with doing the wrong we do, or wish we could do, or pride ourselves that we don't do

When do we like poetic justice?

• We people we don 't like or look down on receive justice

When don 't we like poetic justice?

• When we are the ones receiving justice

What do we celebrate at Christmas?

- The Son of God entered the world as a human being
- He taught us how to live
- He showed us how to live
- He gave up His life to rescue us
- He commanded us:
 - Love God with everything you have
 - Love your neighbors and your enemies as much as you love yourselves
 - Worship Him as God alone

How are we doing??

The Apostle John's Assessment

"The true light (Jesus Christ) that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
He was in the world,
and though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.
He came to that which was his own,
but his own did not receive him."

John 1:9-11

What does "did not recognize Him" mean?

- We do not realize (or we choose not to realize) that Jesus is God
- We do not treat Jesus as God, because we do not treat God as God
 - He has total authority over life and death and creation
 - But we think our ways are better
 - He is the only one who holds life in His hands
 - But we want to control life
 - He is the one who will judge the final judgment
 - But we think we can do a better job

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- What does "did not recognize Him" look like? • Being too busy to see Him or listen to Him
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 Never getting around to loving Him with head, heart, and hands
- Being more concerned about what other people think of me than what Jesus thinks of me
- Being more concerned about what I think of me than what Jesus thinks of me
- Treating Him as though He isn 't strong enough or powerful enough to protect me or do what I need
- Thinking He doesn 't love me enough, or that He can 't love me enough, to take care of me
- Looking to other powers or sources of help instead of looking to Him
- Insulting Him with faint praise ("He helps me get through life") or insincere praise ("I bow down...")

- Each one of us so often fails to recognize Jesus as God
- Each family and group so often fails to recognize Him as God
- Humanity has so often failed to recognize Him as God
- God came in the flesh, and we don 't recognize Him as God
- What would poetic justice (and real justice) look like?
 - God rejects those who don't recognize Jesus as God
 - This is both poetic justice and real justice!
 - And it must be because God is just
- And yet...God says there is hope
- Why? Where does it come from?

Those who do not recognize Him as God Those who do not make time for Him Those who value other things or people more than Him People we look down on / Us / Me

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Those who do not recognize Him as God Those who do not **make** time for Him Those who value other things or people more than Him People we look down on / Us / Me

The complete disaster of being separated from Light and Life (God)

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The Son of God did **<u>not</u>** come into **a neutral world** to save some and condemn others

The Son of God came into **a lost world** to **save all who would trust Him**

The Son of God did **<u>not</u>** come to find good people who just needed a bit more help to be saved

The Son of God came **to find and to save** guilty, shameful, and enslaved people For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Big Idea

In Christmas we celebrate this incredible love of God who gave His beloved and only Son even to shame, suffering, and death to rescue guilty, shameful, and enslaved people and to give us unspeakable goodness and joy forever as we trust in this Son of God. our Savior

Application

1) Receive this great love!

- It is entirely a gift flowing from the limitless love of God
- We receive it by believing in Jesus, the Son of God
 - Recognize Jesus as God
 - **Head**: believe the truth that Jesus is the only Son of God, and He is the only way to genuine and lasting life
 - Heart: bow before Him as God alone
 - Hands: accept His commands as our standard for life
 - Recognize Jesus as our Savior
 - He rescues and saves guilty, shameful, enslaved people
 - To be loved children of God forever
 - Who grow into the glory of their heavenly Father

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Application

1) Receive this great love!

- It is not "a clean slate" or a chance to try again
- It is being adopted as a deeply loved child of God
- Forever
- Yet it is so easy to slip back into thinking God doesn't really love us, or can't really love us, unless we improve

God will never regret saving you because His love never fades

and you aren't the reason He loved you in the first place!!!

Application

1) Receive this great love!

- Some of us believe in Jesus, and yet we are still trying to earn God's love
- We want to think we can be good enough to deserve it
- Impossible!!

Do we think so little of the love of God?? Receive God's love entirely as a gift for guilty, shameful, and enslaved people who trust in Jesus as their Savior

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Application

2) Love one another with this great love! "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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." 1 John 4:7-12

Application

2) Love one another with this great love!

Love others who don't deserve it with the love you got and don't deserve

- Bless those who curse you. Give to those who ask of you.
- Be patient and kind. Don't envy or boast or be proud.
- Don't dishonor others, or be self-seeking, or be easily angered, or keep track of others' wrongs.
- Don't rejoice in others' troubles or wrongs
- Rejoice in what is true and good, even when it comes to my 'enemies'
- Always protect others' good and honor
- Always believe that there is more good in people than I can see
- Always hope for what is good and always persevere

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Application

2) Love one another with this great love!

"No one has ever seen God;

but if we love one another,

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Application

3) Make known this great love, by actions and words Freely vou have received. So freely give

This kind of love in action is unmistakable evidence of the presence of God

"How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear **without someone preaching to them**?" *Romans 10:14*

Tell people, and show people, what God is like, loving people in a way they could never deserve Empowered by the Spirit of God who is love

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- 2. Give this great love
- 3. Make known this great love

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Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me. Buried, He <u>carried my sins far away.</u> Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.

carried my sins far away = took away my guilt and shame justified = gave us Jesus' righteousness and goodness



Suffering <u>anguish</u>, <u>despised</u> and rejected <u>bearing our sins</u>, my <u>Redeemer</u> is He. The Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree and <u>took the nails</u> for me.

> anguish = severe pain and suffering despised = hated bearing our sins = suffering for our wrongs Redeemer = Rescuer took the nails = was crucified

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Then He arose, over death He had conquered, now He's <u>ascended</u>, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again.

ascended = in heaven

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trumpet will sound = announcing Jesus' return

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Stay for Zoom Breakout Rooms Join us Thursday at 5pm for our Christmas Eve worship service at <u>tiny.cc/cmclive</u> **Rejoice in the incredible love of God** that we celebrate at Christmas!