

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Love Incarnate!

Christmas celebrate the gift and birth of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ!

- He brings **Hope, Peace, Joy, Life, Light, and Love**

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Luke 1:26-33, Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, **you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus**. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; **and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David**. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

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Matthew 1:18-23, Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for **that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit**. And **she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins**." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled

which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and **they shall call His name Immanuel**," which is translated, "**God with us**."

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John 1:1-4, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God. He was in the beginning** with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **In Him was life**, and the life was **the light of men**.

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Jesus is God!

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Colossians 2:9, For in Him dwells **all the fullness of the Godhead** bodily

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John 1:11-14, He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But **as many as received Him**, to them He gave the right **to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name: **who were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**. And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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John 3:16-17, For **God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever **believes in Him** should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but **that the world through Him might be saved**.

I John 4:8-10, God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins.

John 1:18, No one has ever seen God. The One and Only Son — the One who is at the Father's side — He has revealed Him.

God is love, Jesus is God, and Jesus IS Love!

Romans 5:8, God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I John 4:19, We love Him because He first loved us.

Galatians 4:4-6, 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. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

I John 4:15-17, Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

John 17:20-23, "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know

that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

We are not only the beneficiaries of God's love in Christ Jesus...

- We receive **who He is** into **who we are...**
- And we are **transformed by His love...**
- **We love others in His behalf...**
- We **become** truly loving with Him

Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

John 13:34-35, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 20:21, Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

We celebrate Christmas by receiving the gift of God's love in Christ

- So, **receive Him** in His peace with joy...
- And **love others generously**

Matthew 10:8, "Freely you have received, freely give."

- Receiving Him who is love fills us with joy
- Giving love like Him is even greater
- **Love isn't love until it's given**