



Christmas 2020 Greetings!

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Through the ages, we have believed in the promise of a land of milk and honey, of houses for us but not built by us, of food for us from seeds not sown by us, a promise of a place of unity, communion, love for each other, joy, and beauty, the kingdom of God, a kingdom created by a King who created his own kingdom; God came down from heaven to Abraham about four thousand years ago and slowly unfurled His plan for us.

This promise came from a God who is Love with a capital "L", and made us in His image and called it "very good". We are above all the creatures because we can do like God does, we can love. And when we look at another person with unconditional love, we are seeing the face of God, manifested in our touchable, seeable world in time and space.

Tonight we celebrate the most perfect of this face of God, the Person who came into space and time, the Christ, the anointed one of God, the Messiah, the image of the invisible God. This is the Person that shows us how to transcend ourselves, to see the created good but also the uncreated Good.

We will exchange gifts in this season with each other in a simple, small way imitating what this Christ has brought for us: a gift of infinite value, a Gift of eternal love, joy, and beauty, a Gift from God who became man, so that we could become divine.

Our prayer is that we will always accept this unconditional gift of love by looking inside this Present, not with indifference or cries of "truth is relative", or even with words like, "I don't want this gift". Our prayer is that we accept this Gift with love and monumental gratitude, knowing that it will be the Gift that will last into an eternity of joy.