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### **Key Scriptures**

- 1. John 1:1,14
- 2. Ephesians 2:4-5
- 3. Galatians 4:4-7



# Three Rays of Christmas Afterglow



- 1. God is Now One OF US
- 2. The Life of God is IN US
- 3. God's Unconditional Invitation <u>TO</u>
  <u>Family US</u>

#### 1. The Afterglow of Presence



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John 1:1,14

New King James Version

- 1. In the beginning was the *Word*, and the *Word* was with God, and the *Word* was God.
- 14. 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.

#### 2. The Afterglow of His POWER



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#### Ephesians 2:1-5 New King James Version

- 1 And you *He made alive*, *who were dead* in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



#### 3. The Afterglow of an Unconditional Invite

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#### Galatians 4:4-7

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- 4. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
- 5. to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
- 6. And because you are sons, *God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son* into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
- 7. Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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#### Message Challenge

- ☐ The afterglow of the Christmas spirit and season is fading quickly as our world move on to the next celebration.
- You and I have been transformed by the Life and Light of Christ. Remember, you are now Christ's only "afterglow" in our dark world without THE LIGHT.
- ✓ Is your life glowing with the Presence, Power, and Life of Christ?