

In the
waiting

An hourglass shape formed by a stream of golden, shimmering particles falling from the top and rising at the bottom, set against a dark purple background. The particles are concentrated in the center, creating a narrow neck and wider, rounded ends.

LOVE – IN THE WAITING



I John 4:7-12

- 7 “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
- 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only



I John 4:7-12

Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A golden hourglass made of particles on a dark purple background with faint text. The background is a deep purple color with a repeating pattern of the words "PEACE", "JOY", "LOVE", and "HOP" in a lighter, semi-transparent font. On the left side, there is a golden hourglass shape formed by a dense collection of small, shimmering particles. The text "I John 4:7-12" is written in a white, sans-serif font in the upper right quadrant.

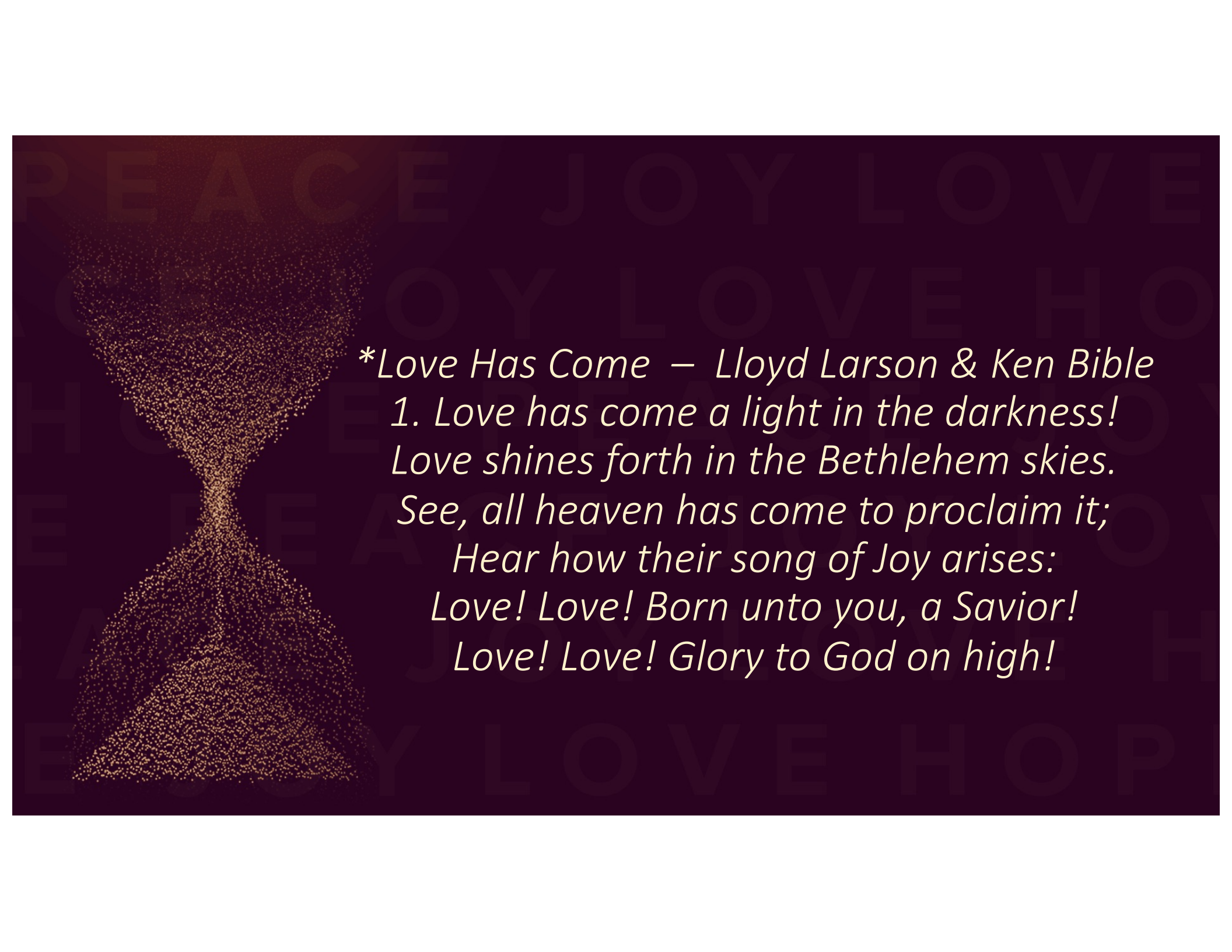
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¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.”

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MAIN THOUGHT:

Jesus wants us to experience the incredible Love that He has for us at Christmas, and to love others with this Love!



**Love Has Come – Lloyd Larson & Ken Bible
1. Love has come a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of Joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!*

The background is a dark purple gradient. On the left side, there is a golden hourglass shape composed of many small, shimmering particles. The background is covered with a repeating pattern of the words "PEACE", "JOY", "LOVE", and "HOP" in a light, semi-transparent font, arranged in a grid-like fashion.

1. Love is from God because God is Love.

(verses 7-8)



2. Love came down to earth in Jesus!

(verse 9)



Matthew 1:18-23

¹⁸ “This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.
¹⁹ Because Joseph, her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose



Matthew 1:18-23

Her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy



Matthew 1:18-23


Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus because He save His people from their sins. ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet:
²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him, Immanuel – which means God with us."



John 1:1, 2, 14

¹ "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

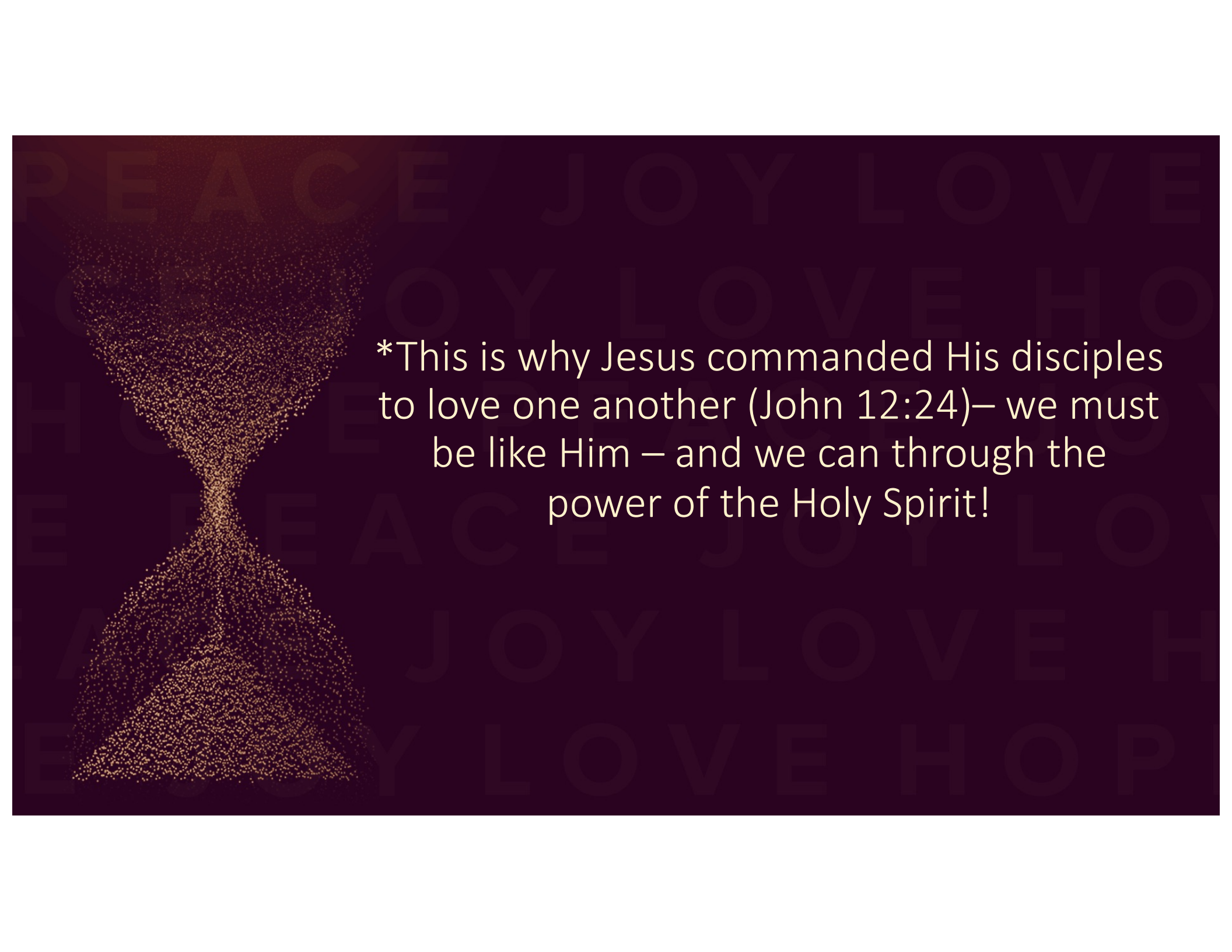
¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the only begotten, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."




**Love Has Come – Lloyd Larson & Ken Bible
2. Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep on the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother;
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.*

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3. Love went to the cross to come to our hearts.
(verse 10)

A golden hourglass is positioned on the left side of the image, set against a dark purple background. The hourglass is filled with a shimmering, golden particle effect. The background is overlaid with faint, repeating text in a light purple color, including the words "PEACE", "JOY", "LOVE", and "HOP".

*This is why Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another (John 12:24)– we must be like Him – and we can through the power of the Holy Spirit!



**Love Has Come – Lloyd Larson & Ken Bible
3. Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!*