

A CHRISTMAS  
WITH  
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OH HOLY NIGHT

*“Truly He taught us to love one another. His law is love and his gospel is peace.”*

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## **Biblical Love**

***“Love is a genuine care for others demonstrated by actions & behaviors that seek the good of others.”***



***“Love not only prefers the good of another to my own, but it does not even compare the two. It has only one good: that of the beloved, which is at the same time my own. Love shares the good with another not by dividing it with him, but by identifying itself with him so that his good becomes my own”***

*(Thomas Merton, No Man is an Island)*

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*God's Love for Us Made Visible*

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*How will you demonstrate your love this  
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# John 20:21

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. ***As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.***”



*God sent Jesus but now God sends you!*

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*How can you make God's love visible to others this Christmas?*

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***God's Love is Not Merit-based***



## Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - <sup>8</sup> but **God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**





*What will you do with God's love for you this Christmas?*

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