

Christmas Eve December 24, 2022
“THE REALITIES OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY”

The essence of Jesus is Life

John 1:1 TPT In the beginning the Living Expression was already there. And the Living Expression was w/ God, yet fully God. 2 They were together, face-to-face, in the very beginning. 3 And through His creative inspiration, this Living Expression made all things, for nothing has existence apart from Him! 4 A fountain of ***life*** was in Him, for His ***life*** is light for all humanity. (***AMP*** In Him was ***life*** & the power to bestow ***life***, & the ***life*** was the Light of men) (*spiritual life, eternal life, life in every form. John used the word life 37xs in his gospel*) 5 This Light never fails to shine through darkness - Light, that darkness could not overcome! 6 Suddenly a man appeared, who was sent from God, a messenger named John. 7 For he came as a witness, to point the way to the Light of ***Life*** & to help everyone believe. 8 John was not that Light, but he came to show who is. For he was merely a messenger to speak the truth about the Light. 9 For the perfect Light of Truth was coming into the world & shine upon everyone. 10 He entered into the world He created, yet the world was unaware. 11 He came to the people He created to those who should've received Him, but they did not recognize Him. 12 But those who embraced Him & took hold of His name He gave authority to become the children of God! 13 He was not born by the joining of human parents or from natural means, but He was born of God. 14 And so the Living Expression became a man & lived among us! We gazed upon His glory, the glory of the One & Only who came from the Father overflowing w/ tender mercy & truth!

John 3:16 This is how God loved the world: He gave His one & only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal ***life***.

John 6:33 The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven & gives ***life*** to the world.

John 6:47 I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal ***life***. 48 Yes, I am the bread of ***life***!

John 10:9 TPT I am the Gateway. To enter through Me is to experience ***life***, freedom, & satisfaction. 10 A thief has only one thing in mind - he wants

to steal, slaughter, & destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect - life in its fulness until you overflow!

John 11:25 ...“I am the resurrection & the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying.”

John 14:6 ...I am the way, the truth, & the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.

Before Jesus is grace, truth, love & righteousness He is LIFE.

1 John 5:11 This is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, & this life is in His Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

1 John 5:20 TPT We know that the Son of God has made our understanding come alive so that we can know by experience the One who is true. We are in Him who is true, God's Son, Jesus Christ, the true God & eternal life!

Life changes everything that is dead. When death touches life, life wins. When spiritual death touches spiritual life you become eternally alive.

Deuteronomy 30:19 Today I have given you the choice between life & death, between blessings & curses. Now I call on heaven & earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you & your descendants might live! ²⁰ You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, & committing yourself firmly to Him. This (*He*) is the key to your life.

*Life always triumphs over death because Jesus is life.
Jesus lives/exists to share His life.*

Romans 3:23 For sin's meager wages is death, but God's lavish gift is life eternal, found in your union w/ our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.

*Jesus' life in us, drives out spiritual death & darkness,
heals & strengthens, leads & guides us through this world.*