## Christmas December 24, 2023 For God so loved the world...

**John 3:16 TPT** Here's the way God loved the <u>world</u> - He gave His only, unique Son as a gift. So now <u>everyone</u> who believes in Him will never perish but experience everlasting life. 17 God did not send His Son into the <u>world</u> to judge & condemn the <u>world</u>, but to be <u>its</u> Savior & rescue <u>it!</u> 18 So now there's no longer any condemnation for <u>those</u> who believe in Him...

Luke 2:10 ...the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people....13 ...the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God & saying, 14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, & peace on earth to those w/whom God is pleased."

**16** They hurried to the village & found Mary & Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. 17 After seeing Him, the shepherds <u>told</u> <u>everyone what had happened</u>...

2 Corinthians 5:18 TPT God has made all things new, & reconciled <u>us</u> to Himself, & given <u>us</u> the ministry of reconciling others to God. 19 In other words, it was through the Anointed One that God was shepherding the world, not even keeping records of their transgressions, & He's entrusted to <u>us</u> the ministry of opening the door of reconciliation to God. 20 <u>We</u> are <u>ambassadors</u> of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleading w/ them directly through <u>our</u> lips. So we tenderly plead w/ you on Christ's behalf, "Turn back to God & be reconciled to Him." 21 For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for <u>us</u>, so that <u>we</u> might become the righteousness of God through <u>our</u> union w/ Him.

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, *saving everyone* who believes...

Acts 1:8 You will receive *power* when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My *witnesses*, telling people about Me everywhere...

We're going after your people, who you love!!

# Together, let's inspire & influence & invite our community to experience the hope & salvation of Jesus!

#### 1. LOVE & SERVE OTHERS

**Romans 2:4** Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, & patient God is w/ you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that His *kindness* is intended to turn you from your sin?

"People don't care what you know, until they know that you care."

#### 2. PRAY

Colossians 4:3 <u>Pray</u> for us too, that God will give us <u>many opportunities</u> to speak about His mysterious plan concerning Christ That's why I'm here in chains. 4 <u>Pray</u> that I'll proclaim this message as clearly as I should. 5 Live wisely among those who are not believers, & make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be <u>gracious & attractive</u> so that you will have the right response for everyone.

### \*PRAY FOR THE UNCHURCHED & CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

John 1:4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, & His life brought <u>light</u> to everyone. 5 The <u>light</u> shines in the darkness, & the darkness can never extinguish it. 6 God sent a man, John the Baptist, 7 to tell about the <u>light</u> so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. 8 John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the <u>light</u>. 9 The one who is the <u>true light</u>, who gives <u>light</u> to <u>everyone</u>, was coming into the world.

**John 8:12** ...I am the <u>light</u> of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the <u>light</u> that leads to life.

Matthew 5:14 Your lives <u>light up</u> the world. For how can you hide a city that stands on a hilltop? 15 And who would light a lamp & then hide it in an obscure place? Instead, it's placed where everyone in the house can benefit from its <u>light</u>. 16 So don't hide your <u>light</u>! Let it <u>shine brightly</u> before others, so that your commendable works will shine as <u>light</u> upon them, & then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven.