



## The Advent of Love

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**Advent** = the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.

### **John 3:16-17**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”*

### **Romans 5:6-11**

*“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**”*

### **1 John 4:8-12**

*“**This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love:** not that we loved God, but that he loved us and **sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”*

### **Luke 15:3-7**

*“So Jesus told them this story: “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!”*