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# LUKE 2:1-6 (NIV)

## The Birth of Jesus

1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census
should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first
census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
3 And everyone went to their own town to register.

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4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to
Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to
the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with
Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting
a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be
born.

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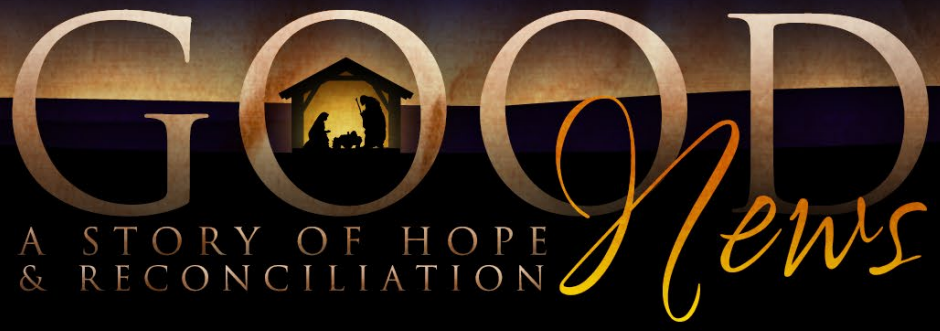

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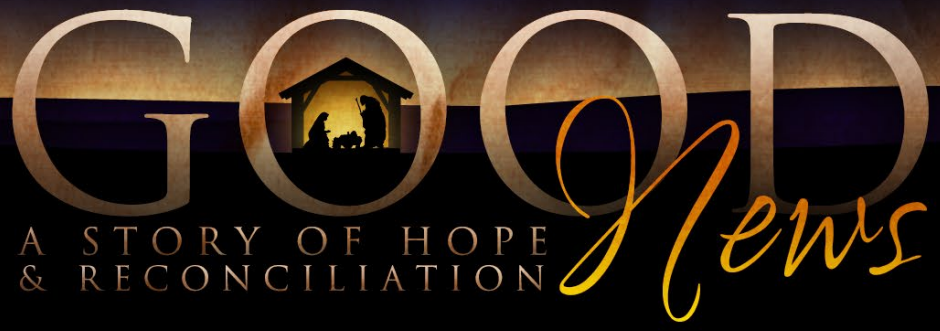

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- Called the "son of god" who was the great "saviour" of the whole earth, through bringing peace to Rome.

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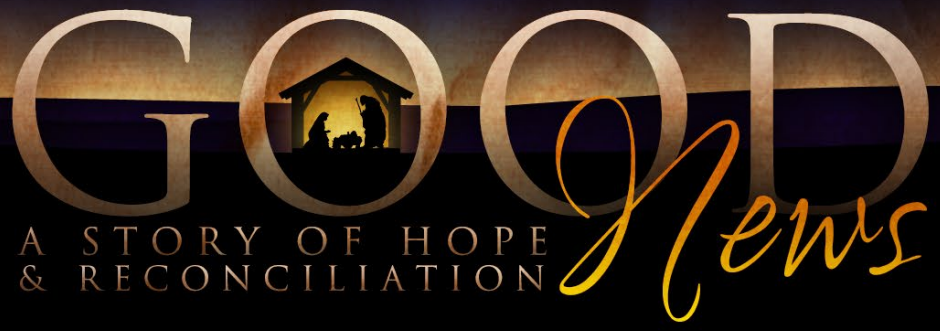

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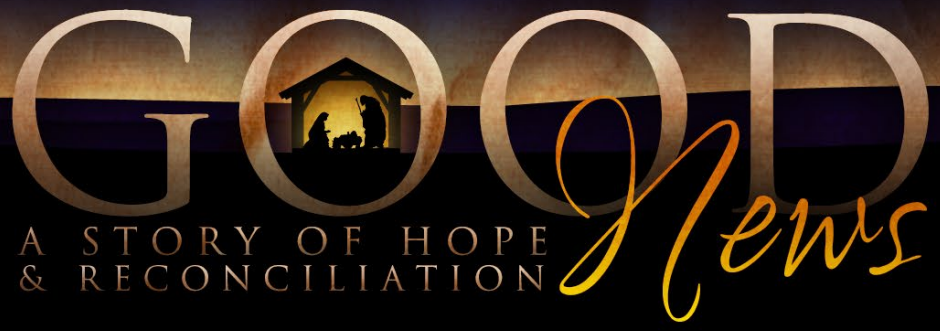

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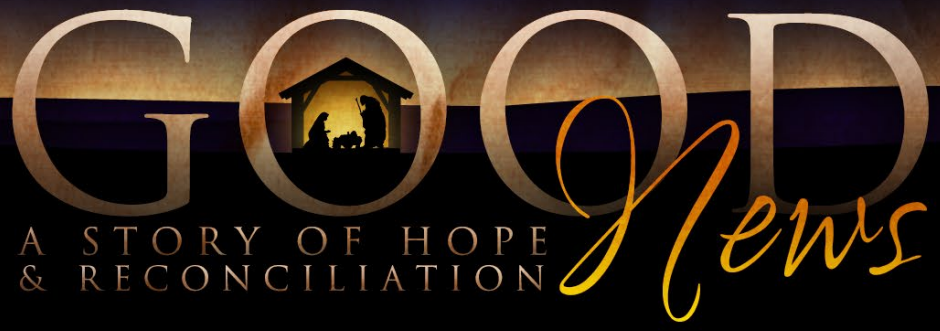

# MATTHEW 1:22-23 (NIV)

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

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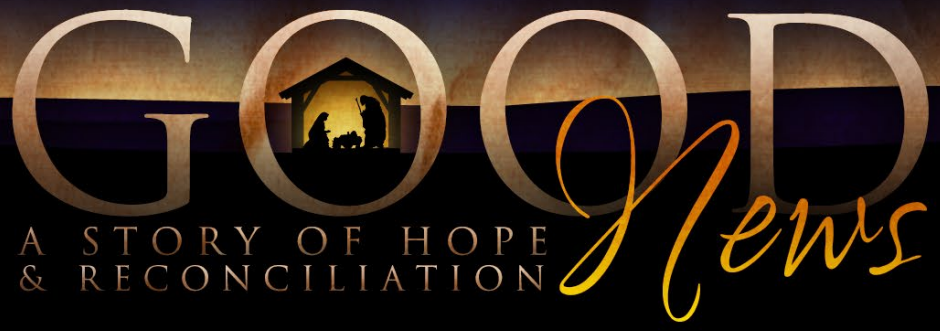

# JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

16 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.

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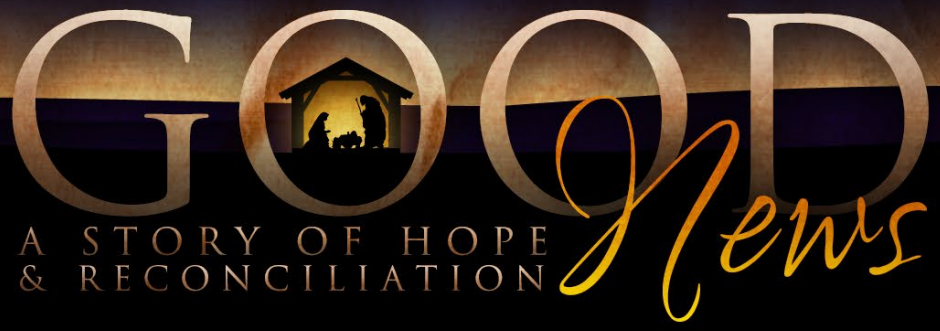

# 1 JOHN 4:7-12 (NIV)

## God’s Love and Ours

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from
God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows
God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because
God is love. 9 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.

# 1 JOHN 4:7-12 (NIV)

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

# 1 JOHN 4:16 (NIV)

16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

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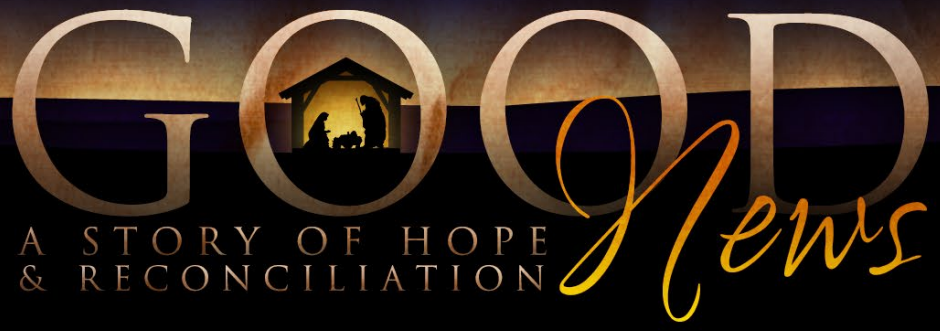
"We love because he first loved us."



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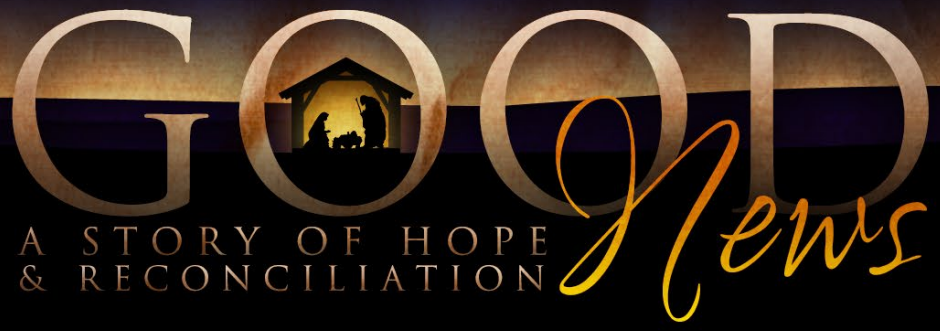
- What does this mean for us?



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