

Devotion, Week of January 5, 2025
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And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

The incarnation of our Lord is a mystery of grace. Isaiah spoke of how our flesh is like all that is fading, mortal, and dying; but the Word of God is full of life and glory and lasts forever. Isaiah's promise foretells how far God's grace would extend in Jesus Christ. Even the Wise Men, from the far East, strangers and Gentiles, were extended this promise as they worshipped this holy child.

In Christ, the light of God's glory is seen by faith. With the birth of Christ, love makes a place in our world. This is the message of Christmas. Our Lord, love incarnate, literally made his bed in the midst of all the darkness of our night. And his love continues to make its place in the midst of all our world's most desperate places. He made his home with mortal beings, and his lights of hope, peace, joy, and love illumine us with grace and truth.

Yours in Christ,

from The Light of Grace

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