



# His Love is Our Hope

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*"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."*

**John 3:16-17**

# Our Condition

- Sinful
  - “There is none righteous, no, not one.” (Rom. 3:10)
- Defeated by the devil and overcome by sin
- We are weak and incapable of saving ourselves
  - “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.” (Rom. 7:18-20)



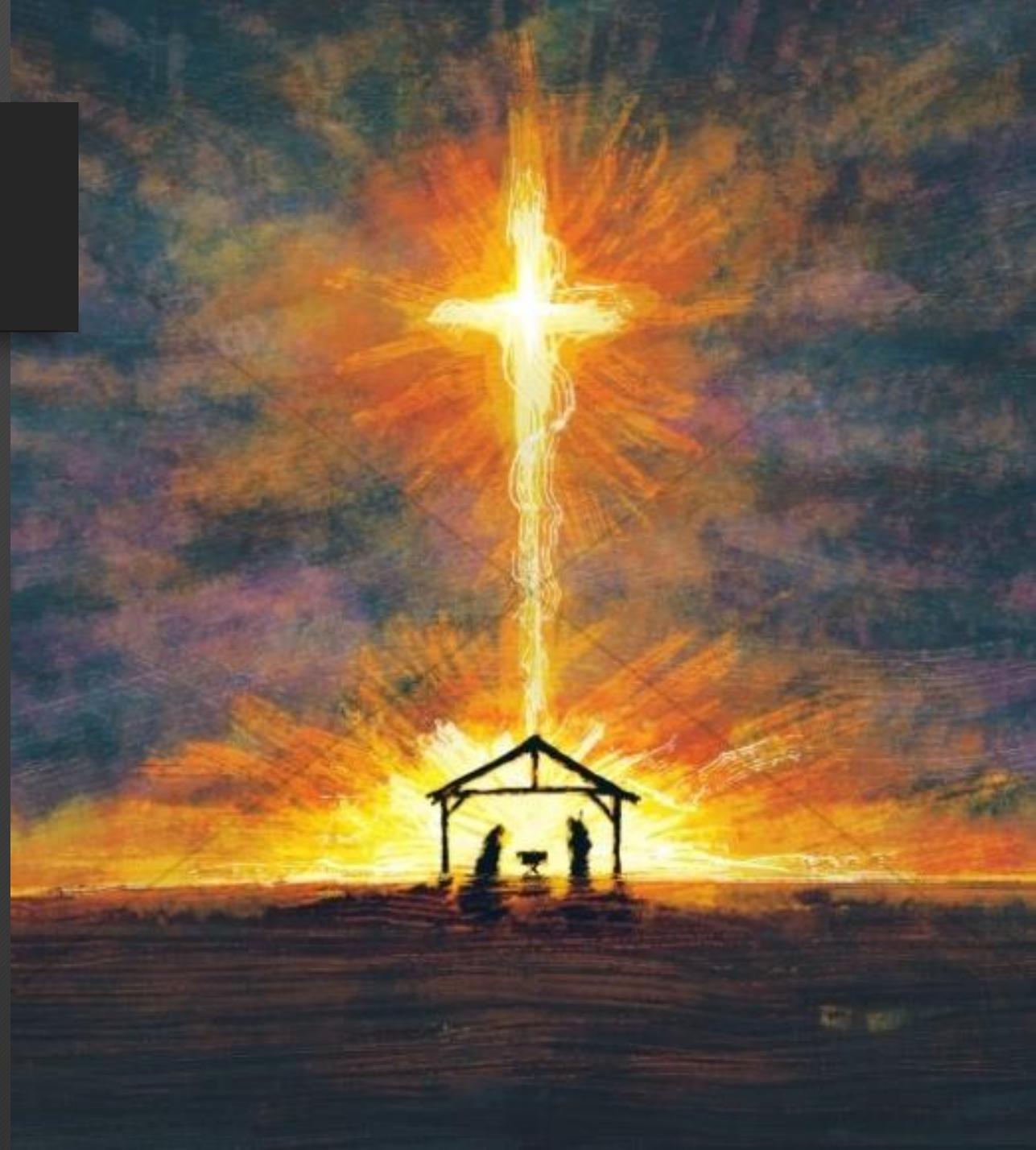
# Our Condition

- We lost our divine image
- The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."  
(Ps. 14:1)



# How does God respond?

- “And if anyone hears *My words* and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.” (Jn. 12:47)
- “He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities...As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.” (Ps. 103:10,12)
- “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8)



# He came to Save

## 1. The Brokenhearted

- “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD...” (Is. 61:1,2)



# He came to Save

2. Those caught in the snares of sin
  - EX: Woman caught in adultery
  - "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." (Jn. 8:11)



# He came to Save

## 3. The Outcast

- EX: The faithful centurion
- “And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.”  
(Matt. 8:11)
- EX: Canaanite Woman
- “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.”  
(Matt. 15:28)



# What is our hope?

## 1. We are not alone

- “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” (Matt. 1:23)
- “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Heb. 4:15-16)
- EX: Saul of Tarsus



# What is our hope?

## 2. There is hope for everyone

- “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.” (Jn. 10:27-28)



# What is our hope?

## 3. No one is beyond His reach

- EX: St. Paisa
- EX: The Ethiopian Eunuch
- Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (Acts 8:26)
- Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." (Acts 8:29)



# Sharing His love and hope

- *“The Son of God became man so that men might become sons of God.”* (St. Athanasius)
- How can I aid their salvation?
- How can I give them hope?

