



CELEBRATING
Advent

1 JOHN 4:9-11


9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the payment for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

“Love the LORD your God with....”

“Love your neighbor....”

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A spiral-bound notebook is open, showing a page with handwritten text. The page is titled "NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS" and lists several resolutions: "DIET", "QUIT SMOKING", "EXERCISE", "SAVE MONEY", and "LOSE WEIGHT". The notebook is placed on a light-colored surface, and there is a pile of crumpled white paper in the background. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a cozy atmosphere.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

DIET

QUIT SMOKING

EXERCISE

SAVE MONEY

LOSE WEIGHT

ONE YEAR BIBLE

vultures ¹² will gather.”

Luke 18

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought ¹always to pray and not ²lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who ³neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘⁴Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet

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LEVITICUS 19:18

18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.







Solomon

**SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6-7:
PROVERBS 3:3**

David

PSALM 116:11-2; PSALM 18:2

Jeremiah

JEREMIAH 31:3

Zephaniah

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

Matthew **MATTHEW 5:43, 19:19, 22:39**

Mark **MARK 12:31**

Peter **1 PETER 1:22; 4:8**

Paul **1 CORINTHIANS 6:14; 13:47;
EPHESIANS 4:2**

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John's description of his congregation:

"Lie" **1 JOHN 1:6**

"Hate" **1 JOHN 2:11**

"Children of the Devil" **1 JOHN 3:10**

"Love is one of the slipperiest words in language. There is no other word in society more confused, misunderstood, perverted, or misused than the word *love*."

+ EUGENE PETERSON

ME TOO

“Emptying others
to fill ourselves.”



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1 JOHN 3:16

16 We know love by this, that he [Jesus] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

1 JOHN 4:19

16 We love because he [Jesus] first loved us.







"Whatever game God is playing with his creation, he has kept his own rules and played fair. He can exact nothing from man he has not exacted from himself. He has himself gone through the whole of human experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money, to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair, and death. When he was a man, he played the man. He was born in poverty, died in disgrace, and thought it was worthwhile."

+ DOROTHY SAYERS

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"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sorrows of men."

+ ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

*O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes, prayers, dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,
Delivered from our selfish schemes.*

*May swords of hate fall from our hands,
Our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of
peace.*

*Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
Nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,
A little child shall lead them all.*

*Then enemies shall learn to love,
All creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
For all the earth shall know the Lord.*

**+ JOSH GARRELS
"O DAY OF PEACE"**

JOHN 13:34-35

34 As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.



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