

**ALL YOU NEED FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
*A Christmastide Message*  
**John 1:1-4, 9-18**

*“For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body ....”*  
Colossians 2:9 (NLT)

**WHO JESUS IS, AND WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:**

**1. RECOGNIZE JESUS IN ALL HIS GREATNESS  
AND CLOSENESS**

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”*  
John 1:1-2 (NAS)

*“Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”* John 1:3 (NIV)

*“But although the world was made through him, the world didn’t recognize him when he came.”* John 1:10 (NLT)

*“And the Word became flesh ....”* John 1:14 (NAS)

**2. RECEIVE CHRIST HIMSELF – AND  
ALL HE OFFERS**

*“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.”*  
John 3:16 (NIV)

*“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God –”* John 1:12 (NIV)

*“To those who have yielded him their allegiance, he gave the right to become children of God.”* John 1:12 (NEB)

**A. HE DWELLS WITH US, AND**

**WE ARE TO DWELL WITH HIM**

*“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us ...”*  
John 1:14a (NAS)

*“The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.”* John 1:14 (The Message)

*“Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glorious presence of the Lord filled it.”* Exodus 40:34 (NLT)

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener ... Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit ....”*  
John 15:1, 4-5 (NLT)

**B. RECEIVE HIS GLORY**

*“And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father.”* John 1:14b (NLT)

*“The Lord guided them by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. That way they could travel whether it was day or night.”* Exodus 13:21 (NLT)

**C. RECEIVE HIS GRACE**

*“... And we saw His glory, ... full of grace and truth ... For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.”* John 1:14, 16-17 (NAS)

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