

## SAY YES TO GOD'S GREAT LOVE FOR YOU

### *An Eastertide Message*

#### Revelation 1:4-8

*"But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's [grace] that you have been saved!)"* Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT)

### THE GREATEST LOVE, & WHO IT IS WHO OFFERS IT:

#### I. DISCOVER YOUR OWN **BELOVEDNESS**

*"All praise to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us."* Revelation 1:5b (NLT)

*"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."* John 15:13 (NAS)

#### II. RECEIVE GOD'S GIFTS OF

##### **GRACE AND PEACE**

*"Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come ...."* Revelation 1:4b (NIV)

#### III. REVEL IN GOD'S

##### **IDENTITY AND CHARACTER**,

##### **LAYER BY LAYER BY LAYER**

*"Grace and peace from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the commander of all the rulers of the world."* Revelation 1:4b-5a (NLT)

## A. GOD IN THREE PERSONS – THE TRINITY

### 1. GOD THE FATHER

*"Grace and peace from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come ...."*

*"God replied, 'I AM THE ONE WHO ALWAYS IS. Just tell them, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"* Exodus 3:13-14 (NLT)

### 2. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

*"Grace and peace from ... the sevenfold Spirit before his throne"*

### 3. GOD THE SON

*"Grace and peace from ... Jesus Christ"*

#### a. The **faithful** witness

#### b. The first to rise from the **dead**

*"But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again."* 1 Corinthians 15:20 (NLT)

#### c. The **Ruler** of the kings of the earth

*"I will also appoint him my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth."* Psalm 89:27 (NIV)

#### i. He **loves** you

#### ii. He has **freed** you from your sins

#### iii. He has **made** us His kingdom and priests

*"In human form [Jesus] obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Philippians 2:8-11 (NLT)