

HANOVERDALE CHURCH Advent

God is Love Come to Earth

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

December 21, 2025

This week we dig more deeply into what it means that God has come to earth to love us and be our Savior.

Monday: John 3:16-21

Who does God love? Who in the world is worthy of His love? Does He wait for us to love Him and get our lives put together before He shows His light to us? What will condemn someone to be distanced from God's love? Look at your life today. Is there anything that needs to be dealt with to allow His light to shine in and through you?

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 13

Describe what Godly love is from these verses. How does God's love surpass human love? What does it mean that such love never fails since sometimes love between people falls apart? Why is love greater than faith and hope? Today, accept God's love that keeps on loving, even when not returned. Look for someone with whom you can share a helping hand, when it can never be returned. That is how much God loves you.

Wednesday: 1 John 4:7-18

Where does perfect love come from? Who receives such love? What exactly does such love look like? What are we to do with the love God has shared with us? What does propitiation mean? How is God appeased regarding our sin? Why is that love? How can we share that love? Who can you tell about God's tremendous love affair with you today?

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-21

Is it up to you to love God before He will return with His own love? What does that tell you about God? What does He want us to do with loving others? Why should we love others? What if we choose not to love others? Today, find someone who you can show God's perfect love.

Friday: Luke 6:27-33; 1 Peter 3:8-9

How does someone get up the gumption to love the unlovely, the unloveable, and the unloving person? Why should we do that? What does it mean to you to bless an enemy when all you want to do is curse them? Understand that when you curse someone, it is the domain of the devil. That curse will turn back on you. But you were created to bless others as someone who loves the Lord. When you bless your enemy, the blessing will be returned upon you. Today, be intentional about doing something kind to someone with whom you have been struggling. Watch how God blesses that situation.

Saturday: 1John 3:16; John 15:12-13

How do we know what God's love is? What does it mean to you that He laid down His life for us? Given this truth, what does it mean that you should lay down your life for others? Does God mean that you should literally hang on a cross? If not, then what might it mean? Who do you find difficult to love? Who is unloving? Today, think about and then act upon that. Lay down your life for someone, even if they don't deserve it.