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NEWSLETTER

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I KNOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE VERY STRICT GUIDELINES FOR SETTING UP DECORATIONS, BUYING PRESENTS, LISTENING TO YULETIDE TUNES, AND TRIMMING THE TREE. FOR QUITE A LARGE PORTION OF THE POPULATION THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DETESTATION OF ANYTHING CHRISTMAS BEFORE THE FOURTH FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER. I WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO THWART THE DESIRES OF OTHERS TO WITHHOLD THE JOY OF THE SEASON BEFORE AN ASSIGNED TIME, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A NEW SONG THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN JUST IN TIME FOR THE 2020 CHRISTMAS SEASON: "O COME ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL."

THE SONG WAS WRITTEN BY SOVEREIGN GRACE MUSIC AND PULLS INSPIRATION FROM THE ORIGINAL CAROL OF A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT NAME.

VERSE 1: O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL  
COME, WEAK AND UNSTABLE  
COME, KNOW YOU ARE NOT ALONE

THE FIRST VERSE CALLS TO THOSE WHO ARE WANDERING. THOSE WHO ARE WORN OUT. THOSE WHO ARE NOT ON SETTLED GROUND. WE ARE ASSURED THAT OUR LONELINESS IN THE MIDST OF WEAKNESS AND INSTABILITY IS NOT AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF HOW GOD SEES US WHEN WE TRUST IN HIM. (ISAIAH 55:1-5)

VERSE 2: O COME, BARREN AND WAITING ONES  
WEARY OF PRAYING, COME  
SEE WHAT YOUR GOD HAS DONE

IN VERSE TWO THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO HOLD OUT HOPE AFTER LONG PERIODS OF CHILDLESSNESS ARE CALLED TO SEE THE BEAUTY OF WHAT GOD HAS PROVIDED. BOTH VERSE ONE AND TWO CREATE EXPECTANCY.

THE CHORUS PROVIDES EXCLAMATION OF THE PROMISE FULFILLED.

CHORUS: CHRIST IS BORN, CHRIST IS BORN  
CHRIST IS BORN FOR YOU

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| VERSE 3:<br>O COME, BITTER AND BROKEN<br>COME WITH FEARS UNSPOKEN<br>COME, TASTE OF HIS PERFECT LOVE | VERSE 4:<br>O COME, GUILTY AND HIDING ONES<br>THERE IS NO NEED TO RUN<br>SEE WHAT YOUR GOD HAS DONE |
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THE INVITATIONS CONTINUE IN VERSES THREE AND FOUR. THOSE WHO ARE TORN DOWN, ANGRY, AFRAID, AT FAULT, ULTIMATELY DROWNING IN SIN ARE CALLED TO COME TASTE AND SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE. (PSALM 34:8)

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| BRIDGE:<br>HE'S THE LAMB WHO WAS GIVEN<br>SLAIN FOR OUR PARDON<br>HIS PROMISE IS PEACE<br>FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE | VERSE 5:<br>SO COME, THOUGH YOU HAVE NOTHING<br>COME, HE IS THE OFFERING<br>COME, SEE WHAT YOUR GOD HAS DONE |
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THE SIMPLICITY OF THE TEXT PROVIDES A CLEAR INVITATION TO SIMPLY WITNESS THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S PROMISE COME TO GLORIOUS FRUITION. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW SONG TO POINT YOU TO CHRIST DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS ONE. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA IN LIEU OF CAT VIDEOS, MEMES FROM YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS, OR POLITICAL OPINIONS, I WOULD RECOMMEND SHARING THIS SONG.

LET US TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE ALL WHO WOULD SEEK TO COME AND SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

**GRACE AND PEACE,**  
ADAM