

THROUGH NO FAULT OF YOUR OWN

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:11-13

When I sat down to write this, my thoughts turned to those many for whom the holiday season must be the worst time of the year. Those who are homeless for sure. But there are others too who may be in a situation that has separated them from family and friends.

I'm thinking especially right now of a person close to me who had a tough time growing up. Her parents didn't know how to raise children and ended up treating her poorly. The mother, through no fault of her own, had mental health problems and didn't know any better.

And this person, near and dear to me, through no fault of her own ended up being difficult to be around. People avoided her or downright rejected her. And, if you've ever been rejected, you will know it's one of the most painful things that can happen to you.

Today I'm thinking of such people and am saddened, wishing I could do something or say something to brighten their life. I'm thinking there may even be people reading this who might be experiencing such loneliness right now.

Are you such a person? Is Christmas hard for you too?

I believe that Jesus is aware of your situation and out of his great love for you would like to fill that emptiness you feel.

Are you like me, still feeling like you have a bit of a child within you? A child, yearning for the kind of love you might have missed as you were growing up years ago. You need to know that you could be a child of God. He's a perfect Father with an abundance of love waiting for you. All you need to do would be to open your heart and accept that love.

Ask your Father God to fill you with his love, trusting him like a child might—in all earnestness. He likes to answer such prayers.

That love is something you won't want to keep yourself for your personal enjoyment. You will find it's the nature of God's love to flow from where he puts it in your heart to those around you. And that's where his blessings will be most evident.

When you're a child of God, he knows exactly what you need—a sense of security, the knowledge that you can trust his love to always be there. God pours his blessings upon his children. They are his own.

When you're a child of God, you will know he is with you, even when you're alone. He will fill the emptiness you feel.

Through no fault of your own, your life might have become tough. But thank God. His healing touch is always there for you.

*"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Luke 18:16)*

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