

FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER December 2018

**“But when the fullness of the time came,
God sent forth His Son, born of a woman...so that He
might redeem us...that we might receive adoption as sons.”**

Galatians 4:4-6



What does a very ugly frog have to do with Christmas, which is arguably the most beautiful season of the year? Everything! If you don't understand frogs then you will never appreciate Christmas. We're not sure why a beautiful princess loved and kissed an unsightly frog. But we do know for certain why God loves and cares for unseemly sinners like us. Amazingly, He just does! Why? The Apostle John explained the simple theology of Christmas in three powerful words. “*God is love!*” (I John 4:16) So why does God love ugly, unworthy ‘frogs’? Because the very core of His nature is unconditional love. He doesn't love **IF** you are good, attractive, obedient, productive, pleasing, religious, reverent or even loving in return. He just loves you...PERIOD! There's nothing you can do that would make Him love you more, and nothing you have done that makes Him love you less! And He invites you to be a part of His family as His adopted child to enjoy His love forever. So why did Jesus come as God at Christmas? Simply because He is love and He loves you! That's it. If you don't get that you will never get Christmas.

So what should be our response to this simple and powerful Christmas truth that God is love? We humbly suggest responding to Christ this Christmas as did the wise men with their gifts (Matt 2:11).

Gold: Live like Jesus is your most valuable treasure. (Col 1:18)

Frankincense: Live as the sweet aroma of Christ pleasing to God. (Eph 5:2)

Myrrh: (lit. embalming fluid) Die to self and live for Him. (II Cor 5:15)

The Staff and Core Brothers of Focused Living want to thank you for your prayers and support as every day we tell men with ugly hearts like ours about the beautiful love of God in Christ. Please pray that we will approach the New Year in the power, grace and wisdom of the Holy Spirit so we can fulfill our ministry of helping men become so **Focused** on Christ that they are **Living** for Christ. “**For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...**”

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