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John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



Behold the Baby! As memories of Christmas Day, 2023 fade, God's promises of eternal life shines brightly before us. Christ becoming incarnate as a little baby was pure genius. It defied all the rules and conventions. Through the ages, there have been scores of babies that have become kings, but there is only one King that became a baby to live among us. When He walked this earth, He showed us, by example, how to love and live peacefully with all people. In Micah 6:8, the Lord tells us how He wants us to love Him and love our neighbor.

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly^[a] with your God."*

When I enjoyed my seven grandbabies this Christmas, I was awed by their newness and potential. I continue to pray for their health and safety, and also, that they'll be a shining light in the darkness. My hope is that they will create a better world by "acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with their God."

Behold the baby... because it is the symbol for a New Year. May your 2024 year be filled with discovering opportunities to revel in God's glory and finding new pathways to love more deeply. It is my hope that you will triumph over the secret battles you waged throughout this past year. Have a Happy and Splendid New Year!

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