

The background of the slide is a warm, festive photograph. In the foreground, two red Christmas ornaments with intricate white patterns are visible. Behind them, several lit candles in white holders are glowing, creating a soft, warm light. The overall scene is cozy and celebratory, typical of a Christmas dinner or program.

**Welcome to the Grace
Life Bible Church
Christmas Program and
Fellowship Dinner
2010**



Act 1: A Birth Foretold

**Readers:
Will Kemperman**

**Congregational Song:
*O Come O Come Emmanuel***

A still life photograph featuring several lit candles in the background, casting a warm, golden glow. In the foreground, a vibrant red rose is the central focus, resting on a light-colored surface. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel p. 72

1.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And Ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely Exile here,
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel!**



3.

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel!**



4.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our Spirits by Thine advent here;
and drive away the Shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light!

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel!



7.

**O come, Desire of nations, come
bind in One the hearts of all mankind;
bid Thou our sad Divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel!**



Act 2: A Birth Announced

Reader:

Jackie Vanderpol

Special Music:

Mary Did You Know



Act 3: A Child Is Born

Reader:

Bill Kemperman

Special Music:

O Holy Night

A photograph of lit candles and a red Christmas ornament. The background is dark, and the scene is lit by the warm glow of several lit candles. In the foreground, a red Christmas ornament with a floral pattern is visible. The text is overlaid on the image.

Act 4: A Birth Celebrated

**Reader:
Vicki Snyder**

**Congregational Song:
*Hark the Harold Angles Sing***

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing p. 93

1.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”



2.

Christ, by highest heaven adored;

Christ, the everlasting Lord!

**Late in time behold Him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
hail the Incarnate Deity,**

**Please as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."**



3.

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

**Light and life to all He brings,
risen with healing in His wings.**

**Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.**

**Hark! The herald angels sings,
“Glory to the newborn King.”**

The background of the slide is a warm, festive scene. In the foreground, there are several lit candles with bright yellow flames, casting a soft glow. To the left, there are two red Christmas ornaments with intricate patterns. To the right, there is a gold and silver striped Christmas ornament. The overall atmosphere is cozy and celebratory.

Act 5: A King Adored

Reader:

Ernie Schierbeek

Congregational Song:

The First Noel

The First Noel p. 97

1.

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor Shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay Keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
No well, No well, No well, No well,
born is the King of Israel.



2.

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the
East, beyond them far, and to the earth it
Gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
No well, No well, No well, No well,
born is the King of Israel.**



3.

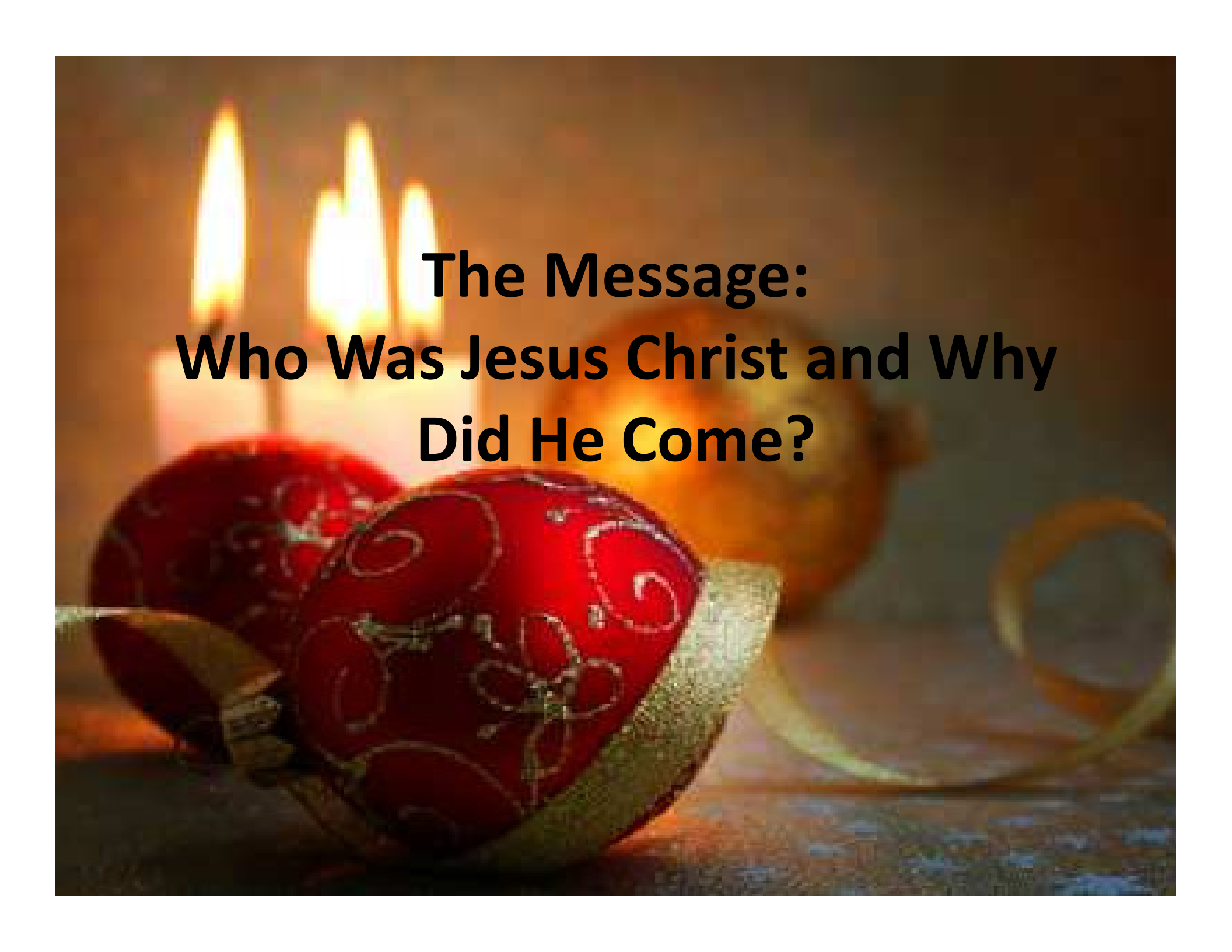
**And by the light of that same star three wise men
Came from country far; to seek for a king was
Their intent, and to follow the star wherever it
went.**

**No well, No well, No well, No well,
born is the King of Israel.**



4.

**Then let us all with one accord sing praises
To our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and
Earth of naught,
and with His blood mankind hath bought.
No well, No well, No well, No well,
born is the King of Israel.**



**The Message:
Who Was Jesus Christ and Why
Did He Come?**

Who Was Jesus Christ?

- **John 1:1-3**—Jesus Christ was the Word. He was with God and was God in beginning and by him were all things made.
- **Colossians 1:15-18**—Jesus Christ was “before all things and by him all things consist.”
- **John 1:14**—the Word that was with God and was God in the beginning was made flesh and dwelt among us.
- **Philippians 2:5-7**—Jesus Christ who possessed equality with God the Father was made in the likeness of men.
- Jesus Christ is the second member of the Godhead fully God and fully man in one person.

How Could Jesus Be God?

- **Luke 1:26-35**—Jesus was conceived in the virgin Mary of the Holy Ghost.
- **Isaiah 7:14**—a virgin with child was to have been a sign to Israel of Immanuel's (God with us) birth.
- **Isaiah 9:6**—this would be no ordinary child.
- **Matthew 1:18-25**—God was made flesh (the incarnation) through the virgin birth so that end result would be Emmanuel, i.e., God come down to be with us.

Why Was The Incarnation Necessary?

- **Leviticus 25:25-27**—speaks about the kinsman redeemer:
 - Kin to the man in trouble
 - Able to redeem
 - Willing to pay the price
- **Hebrews 2:14**—the justice of God required that Christ be our next of kin. Through the incarnation God took upon himself human flesh so that he could function as a redeemer for mankind.
- **Romans 8:3, II Corinthians 5:21**—Christ had to be uncompromised in his redeeming. In order to redeem Christ had to be uncompromised by sin.

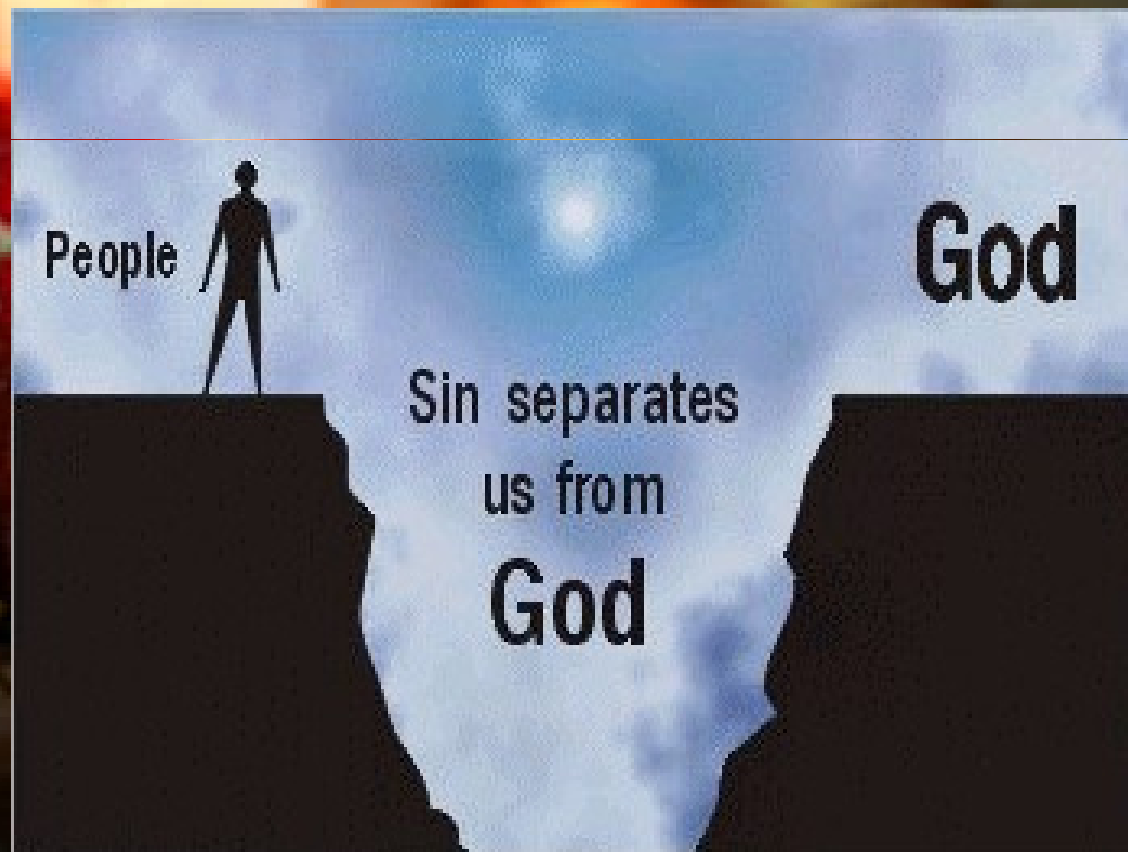
Why Was The Incarnation Necessary?

- **Romans 5:12—All men that are born of a human father are sinners just like Adam. Jesus Christ did not have an earthly father. Without the Virgin Birth we could not be redeemed.**



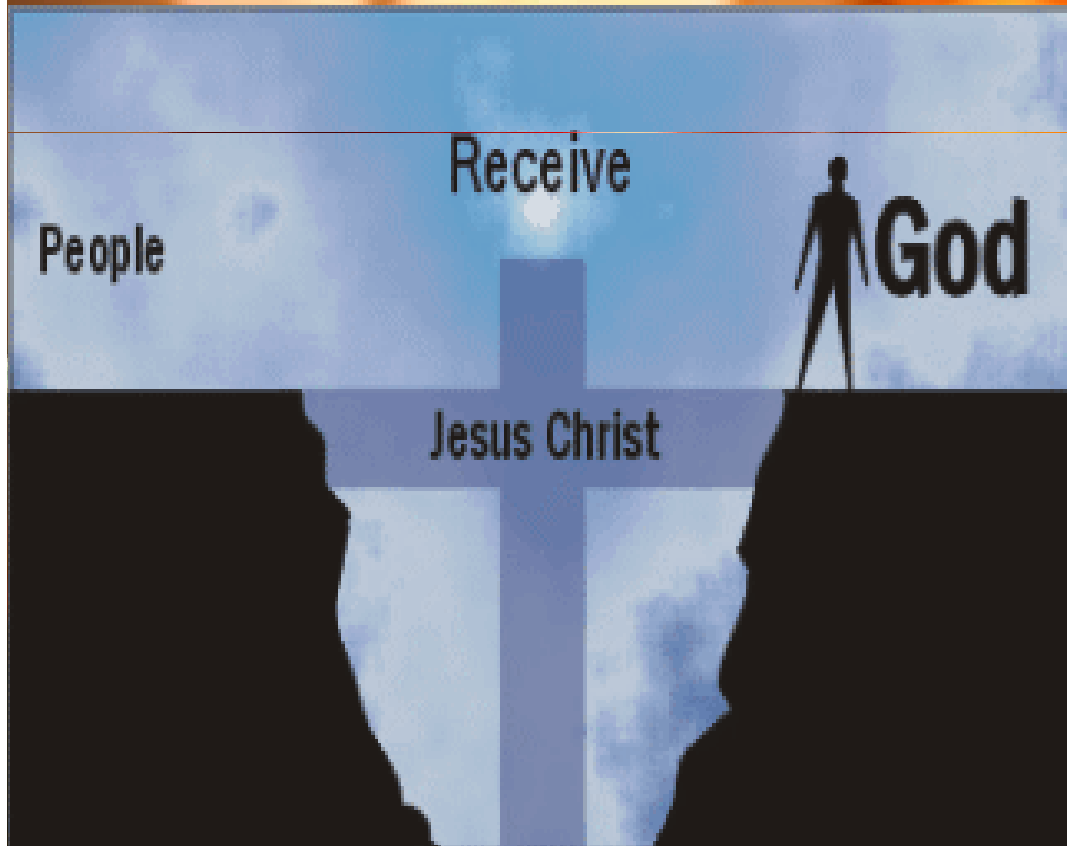
Why Did Christ Chose to Come?

- **I Timothy 1:15**—Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
- **Romans 3:23**—all have sinned
- **Romans 6:23**—the penalty for sin is death



Why Did Christ Chose to Come?

- **Philippians 2:8**—having meet all the other requirements Christ was willing to pay the price.
- **I Corinthians 15:3-4**—Christ died for our sins
- **Romans 5:8**—Christ came to die for us.



GOD TODAY, RIGHT NOW, IS OFFERING YOU THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE THOROUGH THE CROSSWORK OF CHRIST!!!

How Can I Have Eternal Life?

- CLAIMING BY PERSONAL CHOICE AND RELYING EXCLUSIVELY UPON CHRIST'S WORK ON THE CROSS TO BE THE SUFFICIENT PAYMENT FOR MY SIN!!
- WE MUST RECEIVE THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE BY EXERCISING SAVING FAITH!!

– Romans 4:4-5, 20-21

– Ephesians 2:8-9



Eternal Life
Forgiveness of Sins
A Right Standing
Before God

SALVATION SALVATION SALVATION

Forgiveness Forgiveness Forgiveness

LOVE LOVE LOVE

GRACE GRACE GRACE

Holy Spirit Holy Spirit Holy Spirit

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Forgiveness Forgiveness Forgiveness



Every good and perfect gift is from above...

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come p. 92

1.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing, and

Heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and

Heaven and nature sing.

A lit candle with a red wax drip, set against a warm, glowing background. The candle is the central focus, with its flame bright and steady. The wax is a deep red color, and the background is a soft, golden-brown glow, suggesting a warm, intimate setting. The overall mood is peaceful and celebratory.

2.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:

Let all their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat,

Repeat the sounding joy

A photograph of lit candles in a decorative holder, with a red rose in the foreground. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the flames of the candles. The background is dark and out of focus, showing more of the candle holder and possibly other candles. The overall mood is warm and intimate.

3.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far

As the curse is found, far as, far

As the curse is found.



4.

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and
Wonders of His love, and wonders,
Wonders of His love.**