

FATHER CHRISTMAS
Home for Christmas, #2
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*“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? **When everything is ready**, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going ... I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. ... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father ... You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! ... All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our HOME with each of them. ... I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And **THE PEACE I GIVE IS A GIFT** the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”*

(John 14:1-4, 6, 9, 13-14, 23–27, emphasis my own)

1. THE FATHER OF CHRISTMAS IS THE LIVING GOD.

“There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.” (Vs. 2)

“He existed in the beginning with God.” (John 1:2, NLT)

“No one can come to the Father except through me.” (Vs. 6)

There is more grace in God than sin in me.

*“The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.”
(John 14:10c, Message)*

“We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Colossians 1:3)

“For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,” (Colossians 1:13)

“For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God’s people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven.” (Colossians 1:4–5a)

2. THE FATHER IS UNSHAKABLE IS HIS COMMITMENT, LOVE, AND CARE FOR HIS FAMILY.

“Do you see what we’ve got? An unshakable kingdom! ... God is not an indifferent bystander.” (Hebrews 12:28, Message)

“I am going to prepare a place for you.” (Vs. 2)

“Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!” (Vs. 14)

3. THE PLACE I BELONG IS MY FATHER’S HOME WITH MY FAMILY.

“My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.” (Vs. 23)

God the Father has given His Son to welcome me home.

GROWTHWORK

1. Admit you have sinned and separated yourself from God.

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” (Romans 3:23, NLT)

2. Believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NLT)

3. Confess Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life.

“If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9, GNB)

4. Demonstrate your faith in Christ by being baptized.

“Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38, NLT)