The Candle of Love

The fourth Advent candle symbolizes the arrival of love into the world.

*For* ***to us*** *a child is born,* ***to us*** *a son is* ***given****, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Jesus is a child born **to us**. He is **given** to us as a gift. His birth in Bethlehem is not just good news for the world. It is good news for each one of us in a personal way. He knows you and he came for **you**.

Imposter syndrome is the feeling that you do not belong, that people have an incorrect view of your capabilities or character and that you could be exposed as a fraud at any time. Christians can also experience this, with a nagging doubt that God could really love *me*. You do not find yourself in God’s kingdom because He loves the world and you qualify as a technicality. He loves you personally.

How do we know that love? He has demonstrated it to us in the most powerful way. In the manger. On the cross. And in the empty tomb.

*Prophets foretold Him, the Promise of God*

*The hope of Salvation and light of the world*

*Born in a stable and born as a man*

*Born to fulfill God’s redeeming plan*

Salvation is Born, Greg Tulenko

*Prayer: Let us pray*

Mighty God, there are no limits on your love. I pray for protection with great confidence in your character and your work on the behalf of your people. Keep me safe in your presence Lord, all the days of my life. May I be free from fear because you are always at my side. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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