

CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELED - WE'RE JUST WAITING!
ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

4th Week of Advent – Waiting on the Gift of Love

December 23, 2020

Text: 1 John 3:1-3

Meditation:

We are the Father's children! He loves us! We know this because of what God has done on our behalf and for His glory. What an amazing thought – we are the beloved children of the Father.

And how special that designation is. Not everyone is a child of God. Everyone is God's creation and loved by God, but that does not make them God's children. Do you know the distinction between the two – creation and children?

We know the difference when we know God and what he has done through Jesus. This knowing is offered free of charge to everyone, but only some believe. But for those of us who believe, we love God back and John describes how those who love and believe in God are to live. We are to keep ourselves pure as He is pure.

What will living in purity look like for you today? How will that demonstrate your love for God and witness to your being God's beloved child? Ponder what it is like to be "Like Father/Like son or daughter.

How will you reflect your father's likeness today?

What will be different in your life if you choose to live in purity as your Father is pure?

Prayer:

Lord, convict my heart to live in purity as your beloved child. Convict the hearts of those who do not live as your children yet, so they may move from your created ones to your beloved children this Christmas. Amen.