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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Phil. 2:5-8 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death--even death on a cross! (NIV)

Can you imagine the ‘mindset’ that Jesus had to have to do what He did for us? Eternal, omniscient, omnipotent God chose to take on flesh, boundaries, even age to come to dwell with us. This was no easy step for the God of the universe to become human and God at the same time, and yet it was because of His great love that He chose to do so.

Not only did He become flesh, He also became a servant. The King of all became the servant of all. Who would do this for us? Only He would because of His love and His purpose. He knew that the only way for us to have eternal life and abundant life, He would have to make the sacrifice for our sins. He gave up everything, including His life, so that we could have life. And He was the only One Who could be a perfect and holy sacrifice.

The most incredible part of this is that He was also willing to suffer the cross for us. The most heinous and horrible of deaths were through crucifixion. This was the most sadistic and cruel form of death. Invented by the Romans as a means of ‘scare tactic’ for criminals, they would not even use it to put their own citizens to death. And the most amazing part of this is: ***God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:21 (NIV)*** When we celebrate Christmas, let’s remember the price that He paid for us to take on human flesh and dwell among us. From the cradle to the cross!

Dear LORD, thank You is not enough for us to say. We should be praising You all day, every day. We could never thank You enough for what You have done for us. But we will be praising You for eternity! In Jesus Name, Amen