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LYRICS

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dedicated to Jesus The CHRIST in Christmas, 16 Oct 2012; 26 Jan 2014

Album: Amazing CHRIST 'n' Christmas

Interludes include portions of "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee" (Bethoven's Ode to Joy); & Hark the Herald Angels Sing, by Felix Mendelssohn (both Public Domain)

"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God...

The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **He**

came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize Him...

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. " -- from John Chapter 1, NLT

Introductory and interlude music from Beethoven's Ode to Joy:

"Joyful Joyful we adore thee, God of Glory, LORD of Love..."

PART 1

1

Look **INSIDE**. You'll get depressed. Look **AROUND**. You'll get more stressed.

Sometimes, especially at Christmas: You look **BEHIND**.

You see the **mess** you made in your life in years past.

2

Look **BESIDE**. Is there anyone who always will give you love?

Sometimes, you feel alone at Christmas. Just look **ABOVE**: You'll see the God Who came **DOWN** that first Christmas morn.

3

Jesus came **DOWN** to Earth for you. First John One tells His love for you.

NOT left or right will Jesus turn from you. He's **BY your side** if you ask Him to.

Matthew tells God's Promise to the end. [Matthew 28: 19-20]

BRIDGE (Melody: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Infinite and everlasting: No-Conditions love for you.

Infinite and everlasting: No-Conditions love for you.

Infinite and everlasting: No-Conditions love for you!

God calls to you..... God calls to you.....

PART 2

4

God sending His Son **DOWN** to you
proves God wants you **UP** there with Him.
See Second Peter 3:9, Christmas gift.

**God with love gives DIRECTIONS to
Heaven to ALL who CALL TO HIM.**

God's SUPPORTING WORDS: READING:

Second Peter 3:9 -

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise,
as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake.
He does not want anyone to be destroyed,
but wants everyone to repent."

THAT IS -- to sorrow for sins and turn

AWAY from them **TO** God. **2 DIRECTIONS.**

Song Story.

I was clicking on another filename that started with CH. My cursor slipped and I opened the draft for this one instead-- a draft written 15 months earlier, lyrics complete. So, before ever opening the file for *Church Wide Worship Chorus* to finish on 17 January 2014, I printed & finished this. Again, God empowering a quick song to share His Bible Words in musical format.

I had a lot of fun sketching out lyrics that used **as many DIRECTIONS as I could think of...**
above, behind, up, beside....

And since this is a Christmas song, I looked for nice bells sounds.

The "crazy" chord that brings "angst" into the start of the song... That was an "accident" in God's way. I was on the wrong track and changed the sound to an instrument that would 'crash the program' if too loud...

But I liked the clashing that reflected how I've felt at times during Christmas. And how other people have said they felt. So I decided that, yet again, this was a cool guiding from God. I went through every single MIDI note in that section experimenting as I pulled down the volume bit by bit until it didn't hang up the program.

Dedicated to our Lord: our CHRISTmas- and Forever-Beside-Us- Savior.